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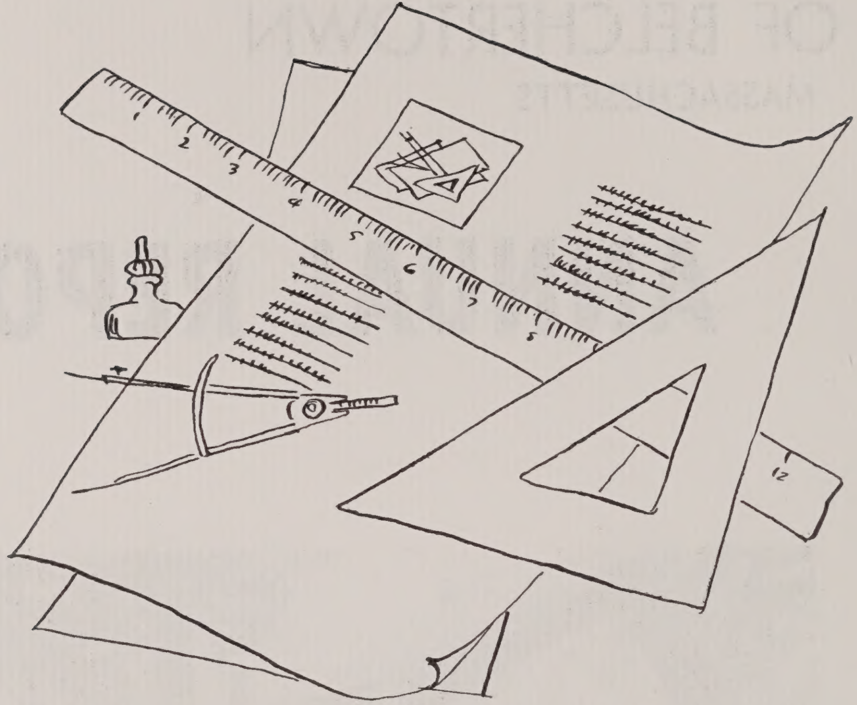

An Introduction
By The Board of Selectmen

With this issue of the annual Town Report, we introduce a new format which we hope will be handy as well as concise, informative and readable.

In our departure from the time-honored Town Report size, we have also tried to clarify the whole by dividing our reports into departments. Since our Board is concerned with so many areas of Town Government, a report by this Board alone would be so diversified as to bury many important facts that are pertinent when viewed within their respective departments.

We have also attempted to include only 1965 business in this report. Budgets and Town meeting warrant for 1966 will be found in the Finance Committee's Report, which you should bring to Town Meeting. If we have interjected ourselves throughout this annual report, it has been done in the spirit of improvement. How well we have succeeded will be determined long after this book has gone to press. We welcome your comments for a better Town Report.

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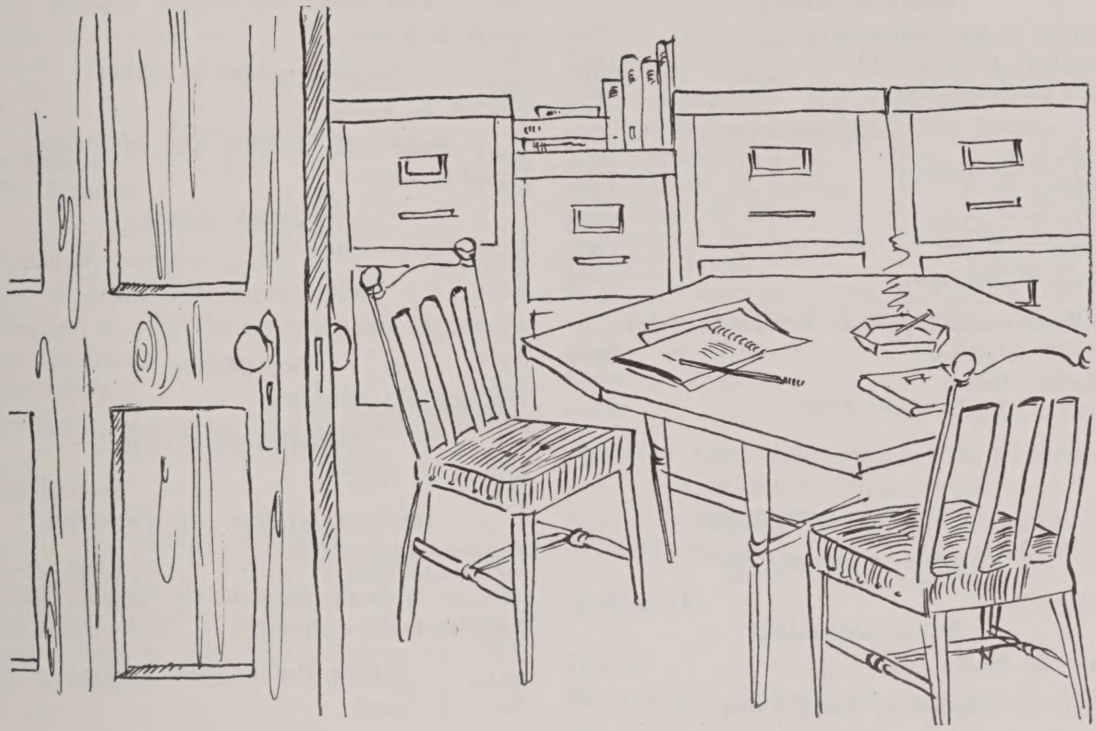

TOWN OFFICERS 1965

ELECTED OFFICERS—1965

Name	Term Exp.
Moderator	
Charles W. Jackson	1966
Town Clerk	
Robert D. Camp, Sr.	1966
Selectmen and Welfare Board	
William Gerry Whitlock	1968
Frank E. Farrington, Jr.	1968
Michael S. Mathras	1967
William H. Squires, Jr.	1967
Walter Tolpa, Jr.	1966
Treasurer	
Robert D. Camp, Sr.	1967
Tax and Town Collector	
Robert D. Camp, Sr.	1968
School Committee	
Phyllis W. Flaherty	1968
Harold W. Willey	1967
David A. Staples	1967
Arthur H. Brennen	1966
Lloyd C. Chadbourne, Jr.	1966
Planning Board	
Raymond V. Burke	1970
William H. Henneman, Jr.	1969
James F. Hayward	1968
Donald S. Cole	1967
George B. Jackson	1966
Almoners of Whiting Street and Susan M. D. Bridgman Funds	
Ruth B. Fuller	1966
Sophia M. Pero	1966
Cemetery Commissioner	
Edmond A. Blaine	1968
Lincoln A. Cook	Resigned
Edward L. Fuller (Appointed)	1967
Sidney T. Wheble, Jr.	1966
Assessor	
Doris S. Squires	1968
Harold B. Ketchen	1967
William F. Kimball, Jr.	1966
Sewer Commissioner	
D. Donald Hazen	1968
Harry L. Brougham	1967
Frederick E. Lincoln	1966

Tree Warden

Albert W. Brown	1966

Board of Health

Charlotte P. Ketchen, R.N.	1968
Kenneth L. Collard, M.D.	1967
George A. Smith, Jr.	1966

Constables

Adam L. Antonovitch	1968
Ernest M. Gay	1968
Francis P. Loftus	1968
Andrew T. Sears	1968
Herbert E. Squires	1968

Trustees of Calvin D. Bridgman Fund

Lewis H. Blackmer	1968
D. Donald Hazen	1967
George A. Poole	1966

APPOINTED OFFICERS

Boards or Committees

Town Accountant

Name	Term Exp.
Fanny G. Morey	12-1-67

Assistant Town Clerk

Margaret S. Kirby (bonded)	1966

Assistant Town Treasurer

Margaret S. Kirby (bonded)	7-16-66

Deputy Collector (Office)

Margart S. Kirby (bonded)	12-31-66

Deputy Collector

Oren K. Gilbert (bonded)	12-31-66

Finance Committee

Chester Pinkos	3-1-68
Kenneth Thayer	3-1-68
John W. Avery	3-1-67
Kenneth Main	3-1-67
Frederick E. Panzer	3-12-66

Registrars of Voters

Roy G. Shaw	3-1-68
Rose A. Joyal	3-1-67
Laurina H. Brighenti	3-12-66

Appeals Board

Henry Renouf	3-1-68
Donald Perham	3-1-67
Walter Carmody	3-1-68

Appeals Board (Associate)

Joseph Tolpa	3-1-68
Charles F. Howard	3-1-67

Chief of Police

Ernest M. Gay	1966

Deputy Chief of Police

Andrew T. Sears	1966

Fire Chief and Forest Warden

Louis E. Fuller	1966

Superintendent of Streets

Joseph A. Kulig	1966

Sealer of Weights and Measures

Royal K. Gay	1966

Veterans' Agent

Earl F. Henrichon	1966

Moth Superintendent

Albert W. Brown	1966

Dog Officer

Wallace F. Chevalier	1966

Inspector of Wiring

Walter J. Henry	1966

Inspector of Gas and Plumbing

Delmore Lajeunesse	1966

Legal Counsel for Town

Paul T. Ford, Attorney	1966

Zoning Enforcement Officer

John H. Reed	1966

Civil Defense Director

Jack Hulmes, Jr.	1966

Fence Viewer and Field Driver

Harry L. Brougham	1966
David E. Fournier, Jr.	Resigned

Veterans' Graves Officer

Milton Butler	1966

Public Weighers

Walter Tolpa, Jr.	1966
Eleanor Tolpa	1966
Joseph Tolpa	1966
Rudolph Smola	1966
Leo Small	1966
Thaddeus Bodzinski	1966
Robert G. Anderson	1966

Police Officers

Ernest M. Gay	1966
Andrew T. Sears	1966
Herbert E. Squires	1966
Robert G. Anderson	1966
Edward Czech	1966
Charles F. Howard	1966
Elmer M. Potter	1966
Lester Beaudoin	1966
Randolph Brown	1966
Merton L. Pratt	1966
John H. Reed	1966
A. Preston Atwood	1966
Elizabeth Thorndike	1966

Special Police Officers

School Traffic

Stanley DeMoss	1966
William F. Kimball, Jr.	1966
Margaret Pinkos	1966
Joan Hall	1966

Town Beach

Leon Quesnel	1966
Parker Ketchen	1966

Limited to State School

Lawrence P. Bowser, M.D.	1966
Francis J. Longtine	1966

Limited to Swift River Sportsman's Club

Ralph Goodreau	1966
Claude Clark	1966

Limited to Resources, Conservation & Dev. Corp. and Renouf Land

Henry Renouf	1966

Board of Health

John A. Brickett	Agent Sanitarian
Lewis J. Austin	Inspector of Animals
Adam Antonovitch	Inspector of Slaughtering
Lawrence Bowser, M.D.	Special Agent for B.S.S.
Doris S. Squires	Report Clerk

COMMITTEES

War Memorial

Isaac A. Hodgen
William H. Squires, Jr.
Lewis H. Blackmer
Roy F. Whidden
Frederick E. Lincoln

Town Beach

Walter Tolpa, Jr.
Samuel Joyal
Donald S. Cole
Muriel A. Whitlock
Dianne Rogers
Randolph Brown
Theodore Smist
Ralph Pittsley
Allan Witt

Conservation

Loren Glazier
Sherman Gould
E. Holland Low
Donald Towne
Lionel Buzzard
Albert Brown

Associate Members

John Fletcher
Albert Brighenti

Jr.-Sr. High School Construction

Isaac A. Hodgen, Chm.
Walter L. Papp
Clifford E. Holt
John V. Nelson, Sec.
David A. Staples
Donald E. Geer
School Supt. Frank M. Dunn, Jr., Ex Officio

Town Hall

Frank E. Farrington, Jr.
Arthur Brennen
George Foster

Summer Recreation

Walter Tolpa, Jr.
Lloyd C. Chadbourne, Jr.
Richard Clark

Community Action Council

Sidney W. Wheeler
Mrs. Ann Austin
Mrs. Tirzah Juskalian, RN
Mrs. Barbara Valliere
Rev. George R. Dudley
Rev. Elvert F. Miller
Lawrence P. Bowser, M.D.
Louis E. Fuller
Belding F. Jackson
Michael S. Mathras
Harold W. Willey
David A. Staples
James Beddingfield
Mrs. Charlotte Ketchen, RN
Mrs. Helen L. Papp
Mrs. Lena N. Wilson
Rev. Walter Kawacz
Rev. Harold D. Suhm
Frank M. Dunn, Jr.
Ernest M. Gay
Charles Jackson, Col. Ret.
Arlan V. Skinner
W. Gerry Whitlock
Kenneth Main
Allan Witt

Member List—Belchertown Fire Department

Loius E. Fuller, Chief

Carl J. Peterson	Deputy Chief
William Squires	Deputy Chief

Isaac Hodgen, Captain

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Lieutenants

Donald Bock
Sherman Gould
Raymond Menard

*

Members

Elwyn Bock, Lawrence Bowser, Harry Brougham, Joseph Chadbourne, Albert Dewhurst, Edward L. Fuller, Edward Gates, Royal Gay, Ernest M. Gay, Hubert Greene, Nelson Hill, Irving Hislop, David Hodgen, Hugh Hubbard, Jr., Samuel Joyal, Joseph Kempkes, Jr., William McHaffie, Harold Peck, Carl E. Peterson, Paige Piper, Louis A. Shumway, Robert Smith, Herbert Squires, Herbert Wood

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Honorary Members

Milton Baggs, Kenneth Bristol, Raymond Hill, Richard Knight, Mike Oberly, Roy Shaw, David Staples

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Deputy Forest Wardens

Joseph Kempkes, Jr.
Carl J. Peterson
Ernest M. Gay
William H. Squires
Nelson Hill

*

B.S.S. Operators

Hazel Charles
Ruth Neville
Jane Conklin
Marguerite Mumford
Jean Garron
Jeanne Vadnais

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

Many people do not realize the scope of work covered by the Board of Selectmen. In this Town they act as the Board of Public Welfare, Police Commissioners, Licensing Authority, Highway Commissioners, Park Commissioners, and in a great many other capacities not readily recalled.

With this diversified work-load in mind, late in March, The Board of Selectmen organized as follows: Chairman, William H. Squires, Jr.; Vice-Chairman., Michael S. Mathras; Clerk, Frank E. Farrington, Jr.; Board of Public Welfare, Michael S. Mathras, Chairman.

In addition to these duties, the following members worked as liaison to their various departments: Michael S. Mathras, Police; Frank E. Farrington, Jr., Old Town Hall, Dog Officer; William Gerry Whitlock, Highways; Walter J. Tolpa, Jr., Memorial Hall, Town Beach and Summer Recreation.

Liaison members reported at each Selectmen's meeting, at which time questions could be asked, discussion held, and policy determined by the full Board. We feel that this method allowed more intimate contact with various departments, and a study in greater depth into each of the problems. It also reduced the possibility of each department having five "bosses".

Every member of this Board was vitally interested in a new state tax program, which would reduce our local real estate taxes. We were in contact with our legislators by letter, telegram and personally, but our pleas evidently fell on deaf ears, so we are destined for another year of desperate tax problems.

Above and beyond this, nearly every member of the Board had some "pet project", which in most cases, was endorsed by the full membership. The commitment by the State on Route 9 and the reconstruction of the Dry Bridge on Route 181 are examples of this. Personal initiative sparked many fine and worthwhile projects.

During the past year we have been approached as a Board and individually by a group of adults and young people who are trying to get a Youth Center established in Belchertown. The Board feels that the idea is worthy of support, and if the efforts of this group result in a worthwhile. permanent organization we would, in the future, recommend more active support from the Town.

Uncounted hours were spent by this Board in detail work—important, but not especially newsworthy. Our spring clean-up campaign, zoning enforcement, paper work which resulted in being relieved of the repayment of $5,600 to the Federal Government for plans for an addition to Center Grade School (originally received in 1947), the reimbursement of nearly $1,000 by the Railroad for fighting a major forest fire in the Holland Glen area are a few of the items that took our time and attention.

We feel that if you took the aggregate of hours spent by this Board, in and out of the office, you would find that we are well on the way to a full-time job.

But we as a Board cannot take all the credit. Some of our townspeople did much on their own initiative again this year, at little or no expense to the town. The expansion of the graded area at Parsons' Field stands out as an example. Private citizens and our highway crew accomplished in many unpaid hours what our ever-shrinking tax dollar could not.

Our thanks go to these hard working people, and to the many others who are vitally interested in the "big business" of good local government.

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Within the pages of this Town Report you will find a history of the year 1965. In the Annual Town Meeting warrant for 1966, and the Finance Committee report, you will find our proposals for the coming year. Expanding upon this theme, the Board of Selectmen finds it agreeable to look beyond, and perhaps into the next decade, in the belief that it will offer some foresight and direction to our present actions.

Our ever-increasing population presents us with the need for many new facilities in the future. Up to the present time, our major expansion of facilities has been confined to the school system. Although we face no immediate crisis, it is the Board's contention that in the best interest of the Town and its tax dollar, we should begin planning now.

Within the next ten years, another school expansion will undoubtedly come to pass; whether it will be a new facility or an extension of an existing building, remains to be seen. Other questions also arise: Does this mean that one or more of the existing buildings wholly or partially devoted to school use will be abandoned? Will our school plant be concentrated or spread?

Not too far in the future we must make more room available for town offices. For greater convenience, most of these should be concentrated in one building. Vital offices such as the Assessors, Town Clerk, and Town Accountant should have more adequate space and better facilities. The Board of Health, Planning Board, Sewer Commissioners, Police Department, Highway Department and Board of Selectmen will need more space and more clerical assistance.

Good highways are the key to the growth of this community. Because so many of our residents must commute to work, we cannot afford to overlook the vital importance of our highway system. Our citizens' livelihood and safety, and the growth of the town must be considered. Except for Chapter 90 construction money, which we are asking to be increased to receive the full amount of State and County assistance, any additional costs must be borne entirely by the local tax rate. It is significant to note that we received the same amount of State Aid for Chapter 81 in 1965 as we did in 1955. Increases in wages and other costs have taken their bite. Many of our secondary roads are school bus routes and must be able to handle 65-passenger busses, rather than the 45 passenger bus which was standard 10 years ago. This has forced us to concentrate on these roads, sometimes to the detriment of others. With over 100 miles of roads to plow, sand and maintain, we certainly need a full-time highway crew. In order to keep an efficient crew we must be able to offer wages and working conditions comparable to those offered elsewhere.

Because of the increased demands on our highway system, we need modern, efficient equipment and adequate storage facilities. Our present facilities are already sadly inadequate. Our buildings are too small and over-crowded. We do not have adequate space for the storage of winter sand and salt. The terrain of the present location makes expansion at this site unfeasible. Although an attempt was made this past year to upgrade this building, bids were so much greater than estimates, no major improvements were made. We concur with the advice of many knowledgeable people that any major improvement at this site is impractical.

Our Police Department will continue to grow, with a possibility in ten years time, we will have a full-time department. Again, we have a problem of space. We should have a heated storage space for our ambulance and possibly our cruiser. Our police department should have a room to conduct police business and space for an adequate detention room.

The Water District, which is and isn't a part of Town, should be expanded. This may be an area in which the Town may find itself more and more interested as time goes by. The Water District is an entity separate from the Town, but necessarily bound very closely to its growth. Continued cooperation will be an asset to both.

Within ten years, our Fire Department may require more space, and possibly a new truck to replace the 1953 pumper which will be 20 years old and obsolete under Fire Protection Standards. Although we do not predict a full-time paid department, some provision must be made to improve the alarm system. In order to carry out these programs, it will be necessary to raise quantities of money. If any appreciable amount of property tax relief is forthcoming from the State, some of these improvements may be programmed with a minimum of financial hardship. Regardless of this, we feel that it would be well to investigate the realm of increasing property improvement assessments. This might help reduce the overall tax rate.

The foregoing facts and opinions should be no cause for alarm nor drastic action, but rather a reason for co-ordinated realistic planning. We feel certain that the Planning Board's recommendations should in some degree enter this area, and that this Board of Selectmen or its successors will actively promote and co-ordinate a sound development program.

Highway Department Report

This year we have started several new programs which we hope will make our Highway Department more efficient and better co-ordinated to do the job that has to be done! We have 104 miles of road compared to an average of 65 miles for the surrounding towns. About 40% of these roads are still gravel and are very much in need of improvement. Many of our surfaced roads also need improvement or work previously done will have been wasted. With these objectives in mind we have revamped and acclerated our resurfacing program under Ch. 81.

Chapter 81:

This covers all secondary roads. Since the State contributes $28,600 and the Town $4500.00 any work done under this must be approved by State engineers. The following roads are now receiving work under Ch. 81:

Federal St., Warren Wright Rd., North St., Bay Rd., Metacomet St., Allen St., George Hannum Rd., Jackson St., Cottage St., Lloyd Ave., Barton Ave., Springfield Rd., No. Washington St., West St., South St., Railroad St., River St., Cold Spring Rd., Jensen St.

We will continue working on these roads until they are finished and then will add new ones.

Chapter 90 Construction and Maintenance:

The contract for the reconstruction of Stebbins St. starting at the Bay Rd. intersection heading south has already been let out and work will start in early spring under State supervision. The second section of Stebbins St. will be done by the town. The application is now at the Mass. Dept. of Public Works for approval. It is hoped this will be started by mid-summer.

Under Ch. 90 Maintenance sections of Rt. 181, Three Rivers Rd., and Jabish St. received resurfacing. Approximately 1600 feet of Amherst Road received 1" of Bituminous Concrete. This project was started in 1964. Several catch basins along Three Rivers Rd. were cleaned and reditched. The Selectmen have asked the State for another $1000.00 for maintenance in 1966.

Town Projects:

Highway construction has been done on the following roads as voted at the annual Town Meeting of 1965:

Esket and Rural Rd. (To be completed 1966), So. Washington (Completed 1965), Shea St., Gulf Rd., Orchard St., and Bardwell St.

Plans for 1966 include added work on these roads and the adding of new roads as these are completed.

East Walnut St. Ch. 822:

The reconstruction of East Walnut St. has been started. This work is being done in conjunction with the Water District which has laid a new water main along this route. Due to a late start, work could not be completed last fall but will continue in the spring as soon as conditions permit. We would like to thank the land owners for their patience and co-operation.

Ice and Snow:

With the increasing amount of traffic on our roads we are obligated to keep them in safe driving condition. Due to a mild winter last year we were able to start this year with all bills paid and with 60 tons of salt and 1000 yards of sand in storage.

Other Projects:

Seven new culverts and one new catch basin were installed. Two boat landings and unloading ramps were built on Lake Metacomet and Lake Arcadia. Trash and sand barrels were placed along our main routes for public use. We have also painted our own highway lines and signs with equipment purchased last year. We are now in the process of replacing broken guard rails and repainting metal ones on Routes 181 and 21. These projects not only save us money in the long-run but help us keep a year around highway crew. The department also donated free time for two civic projects during the summer. Fill and loam were put on Parson's Field and 25 loads of sand were placed on the town beach. A vote of thanks goes to all those who donated time and equipment for these big improvements.

Equipment:

We have been working to establish a sound program for maintenance of buildings and equipment. Several major repairs have been made on the grader which now appears to be in top shape. The 1958 Ford Truck will have to be replaced since the estimates for repairs were impractical. Several pieces of equipment have been repainted and general maintenance has been stepped up.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that town trucks and other equipment be replaced on a rotating basis before they have become useless and have lost all turn-in value. This year we will request a new dump truck and a slide-in sander (a sander of this type will mean the truck can be used effectively all year). We are badly in need of these two pieces of equipment if we are to keep our roads up in an economical manner. It will also be recommended that a new pay scale be set up for the Highway Department. At the present time the wages being paid are way below standard rates. To get and hold good help we must pay a decent wage.

Summary:

We feel we have made good progress in the last year and hope citizens will be patient. We have worked hard to get the State to take over and reconstruct Rt. 9. An aerial survey is promised and at this date it looks as though the State will take over this important road. This will relieve our obligations greatly and will allow us to spend more time on our other roads.

ASSESSORS' REPORT

In 1965 the net amount to be raised by taxation was	$605,637.25
In 1964 the net amount to be raised by taxation was	490,067.52
An increase of	$115,569.73

Other abatements—488 motor vehicle , 61 regular real estate abatements, 52 veterans' abatements, and 9 personal property abatements.

The Board received 169 photostatic copies of property transfers during 1965. Sixty-two building permits were issued during the year, five of which were for removal of buildings.

The money to pay the cost of operating the town is derived from:

1. Taxation of real estate and personal estate
2. Grants and reimbursements from the Commonwealth, Federal Government, and other cities and towns
3. Receipts of departments and available funds
4. Licenses, permits and fees
5. Miscellaneous other sources

The amount to be raised by taxation was determined as follows:

The amount to be raised in the fiscal year		$949,911.46
Other expenses		
Abatements in excess of overlay	$1,633.15	
State parks and reservations	2,751.63	
Motor vehicle excise bills	477.30	
State assessment system	207.44	
County tax	26,632.33	
County hospital assessment	4,618.66	
Overlay for current year	12,910.17	
	$49,230.68	

Gross amount to be raised in 1965	$999,142.14
Estimated receipts from the State	$296,979.82
Available funds	96,525.07
	$393,504.89
Amount to be raised by taxation	$605,637.25

In 1965 fifty-four people qualified to receive abatements on real estate under Clause 41.

Total valuation	
Personal property	$1,053,690.00
Real estate	14,475,470.00
	$15,529,160
Tax levy, 1965—$39.00 per $1,000 val.	
Personal property	$41,093.91
Real estate	564,543.34
	$605,637.25
Amount to be raised by taxation	$605,637.25

Omitted assessments
Real estate, valuation $31,250.00
Tax $1,218.75

WILLIAM F. KIMBALL, JR., Chm.
HAROLD B. KETCHEN
DORIS S. SQUIRES

BELCHERTOWN-GRANBY WELFARE DISTRICT REPORT

The following is the report for the Belchertown - Granby Welfare District for 1965 in administering the various categories of Welfare programs:

	Total	Belchertown	Granby
Contacts and visits	390	295	95
Cases handled	109	80	29
Aid rendered	$82,022.19	$66,372.41	$15,649.78
Net oper. cost	1,475.60	922.25	553.35
Percent		(62.5%)	(37.5%)

Itemized Operating Costs

Salaries	$12,617.89
Travel	347.86
Postage	183.60
Supplies	148.10
Telephone	188.75
Office Rent	780.00
Equipment	85.73
Office and Equip. Maintenance	31.51
Compensation Insurance	50.20
Bond	12.00
Medical Advisor and Legal Expense	60.00
Meetings, dues, conferences, etc.	31.49
Miscellaneous	30.00
Hampshire County Assessment	1,060.95
Hospital Insurance	221.76
Group Life Insurance	24.72

Total Operating Cost	$15,874.56
Reimbursements Received	14,398.96
Net Cost for 1965	$1,475.60

The Federal Government has increased its reimbursement from 50% to 75% for social services rendered in all categories except Medical Aid to the Aged and this year it is anticipated that reimbursements plus the cash on hand 12-31-65 will be sufficient to cover the 1966 budget. Therefore no assessment is being made to either of the member towns.

RAYMOND W. RANDALL
MICHAEL S. MATHRAS
Prudential Committee

LENA N. WILSON, Director
Belchertown - Granby
Welfare District

District Treasurer's Report

Cash in treasury, 1-1-65		$4,230.70
Receipts:		
Federal	$9,281.89	
State	5,097.75	
Belchertown	1,819.22	
Granby	1,091.54	
Miscellaneous	2,739.04	
Total—		$20,029.44
		$24,260.14
Expenditures		$18,594.28
Cash in treasury, 12-31-65		5,665.86
		$24,260.14

ROBERT D. CAMP, SR.
District Treasurer

District Director's Report

The following report summarizes the activities of the Belchertown-Granby Welfare District in behalf of the town of Belchertown for 1965, the thirteenth year which the District has served the Town in administering the various welfare programs.

Categorically, Old Age Assistance seems to be on the delcline, but this is caused by a transfer to Medical Assistance to the Aged when one enters a licensed medical institution, indicating, conversely, an increase in the Medical Assistance program. Emphasis continues to be placed on services, especially to Aid to Families with Dependent Children cases, by rehabilitating adults whenever possible, encouraging constructive mental, moral and physical training, and also social participation in outside activities, thus engendering an atmosphere of a normal self-supporting family in society. The Federal Government has reflected its interest in rendering services as well as financial aid to those in need by increasing its reimbursement for social services rendered from 50% to 75% in all categories except Medical Aid to the Aged. It is still undetermined how the 1965 amendment to the Social Security Act providing Medicare and Supplementary Medical Insurance will affect welfare costs.

During the year 295 contacts and visits were made, 80 adult cases handled, 58 children included in aid and services rendered, and a total of $66,372.41 was spent for aid in all the categories of assistance. The net cost for this aid was $14,211.98, Belchertown's share of operating the Belchertown-Granby Welfare District was $922.25, and the net cost of the Belchertown Board of Public Welfare salaries was $96.92, making the total net cost for all aid rendered and the administration thereof for the year to be $15,231.15.

At the close of the year there were 21 Old Age Assistance cases, 7 Medical Aid to the Aged cases, 8 Aid to Families with Dependent Children cases, 3 Disability Assistance cases and 1 General Relief case. The town now holds 15 Old Age Assistance liens. There were no collections on liens during the year.

The cooperation of your Board, the various Town officials and the Police Department in providing ambulance service has been greatly appreciated. We regret Mrs. Morey's resignation as Town Accountant and especially wish to acknowledge her genuine helpfulness and cooperation during her term in office.

LENA N. WILSON, Director
Belchertown - Granby
Welfare District

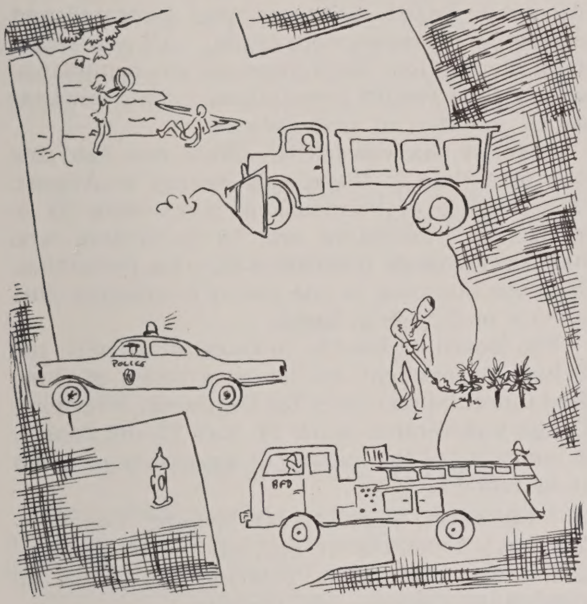
Veterans' Agent Report

During the year of 1965, the Veterans' Department had an increase of better than 100% over its' budget of $4000.00. We expended $8052.44 for the year 1965. However we will have a return of approximately 50% coming back from the State. This Town, on May 20, 1965, transferred the sum of seven hundred dollars to cover the bills due. A special Town Meeting was held on June 15, 1965 and $3700.00 was appropriated for this department so it could continue until the end of the year. The increases were due to the increase in hospitalization, medication and subsistence benefits.

This department received a refund of $248.56, for the overcharges by hospitals. An audit was taken, and all records were found to be in good order. Throughout the past year numerous letters were sent to Boston to assist our Veterans in their various problems.

I would like to bring to the attention of all concerned that we have approximately 350 Veterans in the Town of Belchertown, and as the years go by some will need the aid of this department. This can mean only one thing, that this department can expect an increase in its' expenses as time goes on. Therefore I have submitted my 1966 budget asking for $7500.00 instead of the previous budget of $4000. This should eliminate the necessity of additional appropriations during the year.

EARL F. HENRICHON
Veterans' Agent



Fire Chief and Forest Warden Report

I herewith submit my report as fire chief and forest warden for the year 1965.

The fire department responded to 73 calls during the year:

Building fires	13
Brush and grass fires	50
Automobile fires	8
Oxygen calls	2

The total estimated damage to buildings was $31,290.00. The total estimated damage to the contents, $7,100.00. Seven lives were lost.

The total hours spent fighting fire was 92; and total miles traveled to and from fires, 421.

Two of the pumpers were thoroughly overhauled, and put into A-1 shape.

The interior of the station was painted. The 1936 emergency truck has been replaced by a new, 1965 Ford truck, made possible through the combined financial support of the Town and the funds provided by the Firefighters' Association.

Several of our members of the auxiliary completed a refresher first aid course.

A "dry hydrant" has been installed on Federal St., and it is planned to install more of these in the future, as suitable locations are investigated.

The continued cooperation of all town departments and the always efficient answering service provided by The Belchertown State School operators, make it possible for our department to operate efficiently as a volunteer unit in spite of the rapid growth of our community.

The auxiliary department, now well established, and under the capable leadership of Lt. Donald Bock, has proven to be of real value to our department.

LOUIS E. FULLER
Fire Chief and Forest Warden

Police Department

I hereby submit my annual report for the Police Department for 1965. Following are listed the offenses prosecuted in the District Court of Northampton during the year 1965:

Crimes Against Person:	
Assault and Battery	4
Assault, Indecent	1
Crimes Against Property:	
Breaking, Entering and Larceny	3
Larceny of Automobile	2
Crimes Against Public Order:	
Driving a Motor Vehicle to Endanger Life	5
Driving a Motor Vehicle While Intoxicated	3
Drunkenness	7
Search Warrant	1
Non-Support	6
Fish and Game Law Violations	13
Desertion	1
Disturbing Peace	2
Motor Vehicle Laws Violations	268
Juvenile Cases	7

The above totals—Crimes Against Persons, 5; Crimes Against Property, 5; Crimes Against Public Order, 323.

The Police Ambulance made 113 trips to the hospitals in our vicinity, 17 more than in 1964. The ambulance is to be used for emergencies or at the request of a Doctor. Twenty-six calls were made to administer oxygen. When the ambulance is requested for use, it requires two men. The regular and special police officers are on call at all times for this duty. Men are sometimes called from their jobs and from their own work to do this service and I want to thank each officer at this time for being available and for answering so quickly for these emergencies. The ambulance is equipped by the Police Association. As you know, the town purchased a new ambulance this past year and it is a tremendous improvement and something the townspeople can be proud of. This ambulance has many comforts that are certainly appreciated by the people when it is needed.

Some 193 traffic accidents were reported and investigated during 1965, which is 58 more than in 1964. There was one fatal automobile accident and one drowning.

This department has answered 1,206 complaints compared with 1,061 in 1964. We receive and deliver emergency messages to people who have no telephone. We have served 198 summons and handled 1,816 transfers, an increase over last year. The increase in accidents and summons is certainly not favorable to the town.

Thirty-two pistol permits were issued. Each applicant must be fingerprinted by this department. Four dealer's licenses were issued.

This year, the patrol has been increased to two men in the cruiser every night in the week. This has been a big help to the community.

As in past years, I want to take this opportunity to thank the special officers, the regulars, the Police Departments of surrounding towns, the Metropolitan District Commission, the State Police, the Registry of Motor Vehicles, and our local Fire Chief, for the help and cooperation which they have given to me and the department.

My sincere thanks to all the townspeople who have cooperated with this department during the year.

ERNEST M. GAY
Chief of Police

Civil Defense Report

Throughout last year, as during other years, there were numerous meetings at Sector 4C Headquarters in Leeds, Mass. These meetings cover subjects on what to do for a cut finger up to a nuclear disaster.

Civil Defense Program Papers for the fiscal year 1966 have been approved thus allowing the town to participate in the many Civil Defense programs. Thru the Civil Defense Surplus program the police department recently purchased a pick-up truck at substantial savings.

All 2-way radios were put in first class operating condition and a new portable antenna was purchased.

I wish to convey my thanks to Everett Sporbert, Area 4C Director, for his assiduous assistance throughout the year.

JACK HULMES, JR.
Civil Defense Director

Board of Health Report

The Board of Health met twelve times in 1965. All public health nuisances were inspected and corrective measures were taken. All new septic tank installations were inspected for compliance with Public Health Regulations. This amounted to twenty-two installations.

A small pox vaccination clinic was held for the first time in the town's history in August. The number of vaccinations given were 33 to pre-school youngsters and 14 to seniors who had a pre-college requisition for this protection. It is the intention of the Board to continue this service on a yearly basis.

The Board of Health, in cooperation with the School Department, sponsored a series of three free innoculation clinics for Diptheria, Whooping Cough and Tetanus April 14, May 12 and June 9. A summary of the number of innoculations given is as follows:

Diptheria, Pertussis (Whooping Cough)—Tetanus; 3 months of age, up to 6th grade—220 Basic. Diptheria, Tetanus; 7th grade, up (Including adults)—698 Booster.

Total of 918 Injections.

The Board of Health administered complete series (2) Influenza shots to school personnel—76-First shot, 72-Second shot. In addition, 65 shots were given to fire and police personnel. The latter were administered in the office of Dr. Kenneth L. Collard, M. D. at the convenience of those participating.

Monthly inspections of the town's eating and drinking establishments, trailer park, and recreation areas, to insure proper sanitary conditions were made. See the report of the Sanitarian, John A. Brickett.

One dwelling was condemned as unfit for habitation under public health regulations.

Assistance was given to three families who had premature infants born as provided under the Premature Infant Act of the General Laws.

The following communicable diseases were reported* to the Board this year:

Chicken Pox	3
Dog Bites	20
Dysentery (Sonne)	5
Hepatitis	2
Measles	77
Meningitis	1
Mumps	5
Salmonellosis	1
Scarlet Fever	18
Scarletina	1
Strep Throat	3
Tuberculosis	1

*Includes those reported from Belchertown State School.

Mr. Lewis Austin, the Animal Inspector for the Board of Health, inspected the dogs in twenty cases of dog bite.

The Board of Health recognizes the need in the community for a public health nurse or community nursing service and will keep abreast of developments in this field with a view to introducing this service in the town in future years.

GEORGE A. SMITH, Jr., Chm.

KENNETH L. COLLARD, M.D.
Member at large

CHARLOTTE P. KETCHEN,
Clerk

Board of Health

AGENT-SANITARIAN REPORT

During 1965 regular monthly inspections were made on fourteen eating and drinking establishments, four stores and one bakery.

One trailer park and three recreational camps were licensed. Facilities in each camp were inspected regularly during the season. The trailer park was inspected monthly. Routine drinking water and swimming water samples were taken. One motel and one overnight tourist camp were inspected.

Eight public health nuisance complaints were investigated. All eight nuisances were abated satisfactorily. One additional nuisance is in the process of being abated.

Two sewage disposal systems were inspected. Recommendations were made so that the systems would comply with the State Law.

Thirty itinerant restaurants were inspected during the annual fair. Each establishment operated in accordance with health regulations.

During the summer months regular inspections were made at the town beach. Monthly samples of water were taken from the lake and from the drinking water supply. All samples were satisfactory for the purpose they were used.

Conferences with the Board of Health were held as needed. The Board of Health is doing a fine job and is anxious to continue giving the best service possible to the people of Belchertown.

Regular inspections were made at the town dump. Many recommendations have been made to keep the dump in as sanitary condition as possible. Assistance by those using the dump will help to keep the dump clean and usable.

I wish to thank the residents of the Town of Belchertown for the fine co-operation extended to me during 1965.

JOHN A. BRICKETT, R. S.
Sanitarian Agent

Conservation Report

Your Conservation Commission was set up at a time when the town was deeply involved in concern over the costs of constructing a new high school and over the rapidly increasing costs of education in general. There was no generally or immediately felt need for any specific activity in which the Commission could engage, but it was established as a forward-looking step to meet eventualities as they arose.

There are now 240 Conservation Commissions in Massachusetts, most of them organized after the initiation, in 1961, of the state-financed Self Help Program of matching grants for land aquisition. Appropriations to Commissions may be carried over from year to year and allowed to accumulate in anticipation of future use. Although no appropriations have been made for your Commission to date, it is to be hoped that small amounts be set aside, perhaps as little as $50 to $100 annually, to allow your Commission to function in the increasingly important field of resource study and conservation.

The Soil Conservation Service, in conjunction with the Department of Natural Resources, the Division of Fisheries and Game, and the Extension Service, is now equipped to make town surveys of land, water and resource potential and issue reports for each community. These reports can be of immense value to Planning Boards, Assessors, private builders and all persons interested in their community's future development. Your Conservation Commission earnestly hopes that such a report for Belchertown can be requested in the near future.

HENRY RENOUF, Chm.
ALBERT BROWN
RICHARD COOK
ALBERT BRIGHENTI
EDWARD BARTLETT
(deceased)
ROYAL GAY
PRESTON ATWOOD
Conservation Commission

Town Hall Committee

It has been the objective of the Town Hall Committee to have adult and supervised youth groups take advantage of the opportunity to use the Old Town Hall. We are encouraged with the requests we have received, and we are hopeful that more requests will be forthcoming.

With the appointing of young proctors to assume the responsibility of unsupervised activities in this building, we have met with limited success in controlling senseless vandalism. This vandalism not only creates fire hazards and health hazards in certain cases, but it also results in needless expense.

It is the recommendation of this Committee that the townspeople give serious thought in the future use or disposition of this building. The total cost of operation for this building for 1965 was $3,045.05. Unless the Old Town Hall receives at least average use for worthwhile projects, without repeated expense for unnesessary repairs, this money could be put to better use elsewhere.

ARTHUR H. BRENNEN
GEORGE A. FOSTER
FRANK E. FARRINGTON, Jr.
Town Hall Committee

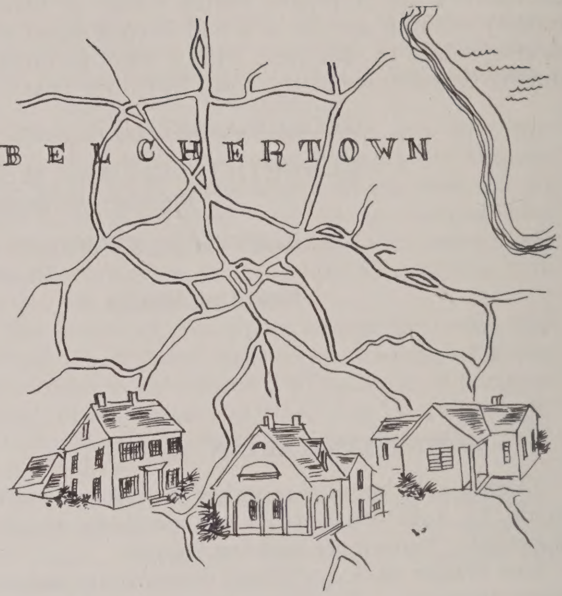
Beach Committee Report

1965 was a successful year at the Town Beach and many added improvements were made:

1. A life guard was hired.
2. The beach area was increased and 25 loads of sand were brought in by volunteers who donated time and equipment.
3. Picnic tables, a life guard chair, a safety surf board were constructed by various volunteers.
4. A course in Life Saving was added to the general swimming instruction. At the end of the instruction period the J.C.'s helped conduct a very successful "sport" when prizes were awarded for various races and competitions.
5. The parking lot was tarred—this again included the help of some volunteer labor.
6. Sand has been purchased to spread on the ice this winter and also we have purchased some cinder blocks to construct fire places this spring.

Next year $300.00 from the Board of Health is being transferred to the Beach Committee to put the entire financial responsibility with one group. We hope to hire one qualified person to be in charge of safety, sanitizing and possibly instruction. If all this could be combined we would also need an interested and qualified Belchertown youth as a helper on teaching days. With this arrangement we would have more complete and economical supervision of the beach and also could give a local boy training and a part time job. Over 300 man-hours were donated to projects at the beach. We thank all those who helped and hope this great interest will continue.

Beach Committee



Board of Appeals

With a greater number of requests for special permits or variances in 1965 than here-tofore, often involving considerable complexity, your Zoning Board of Appeals has had a fairly busy year. In many questionable cases it was found necessary to make on-sight inspections to verify testimony of a conflicting nature or to determine the possible long-term effects on the town of certain operations.

In two instances the Board felt compelled to deny requests for permits for gravel removal because of the adverse effect upon the remaining property. In one instance a long standing controversy about the legality of a small restaurant operation was, the Board hopes, finally settled. The most gratifying case involved the application for a variance in which the Board was able to negotiate with an abuttor to arrange transfer of additional land to the applicant so as to make a variance unnecessary.

The Board sincerely hopes that its rulings have been fair to the individual and at the same time beneficial to the community. In all instances rulings were arrived at with the unanimous approval of all members, without a single minority opinion. It is to be hoped that 1966 will see a continuation of this record.

HENRY RENOUF, Chm.
DONALD PERHAM, Clerk
WALTER CARMODY
Board of Appeals

Zoning Enforcement Report

Activities under the jurisdiction of this office have increased ten-fold during 1965. The Selectmen are to be commended for spear-heading the early Spring junk-car cleanup. This program, though very time consuming has paid dividends in cleaning up our countryside.

During the course of the year this office has issued 47 Building Permits, reflecting approximately $280,000.00 in new construction.

Numerous complaints regarding zoning violations were investigated and in all instances disposition was made without resorting to court action. I wish to take this opportunity to thank the Police Department, the Selectmen and the townspeople for their cooperation in making a thankless job a bit more bearable.

JOHN H. REED
Zoning Enforcement Officer

Community Action Committee

At the request of the local citizens the Board of Selectmen appointed members of the Belchertown Committee to function in accordance with the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964.

James Beddingfield was elected as the first chairman. Upon his subsequent resignation due to a job transfer from this area, Charles Jackson was elected in his place. Charlotte Ketchen was elected Secretary.

As one of its first acts the Committee asked the School Committee to apply for a Headstart program for pre-school children for eight weeks during the summer at Cold Spring School. Federal funds in the amount of $4,581.00 were granted. These funds were matched by local contributions in the form of school space, volunteer service, the loan of equipment by the Belchertown Nursery Association, and by donations of equipment by individuals.

Because of the great value to children who participate, the Community Action Committee has asked the School Committee to apply for another grant for a similar program for the summer of 1966.

James Beddingfield was elected as Corporator and as a director of the Hampshire Community Action Commission which is the regional Organization with which local groups are affiliated for the purpose of area-wide planning and the sharing of resources and information. Later, Sidney Wheeler was elected to replace Mr. Beddingfield when the latter left.

Sub Committees have been formed for the purpose of studying needs in the area of youth recreation, public health, pre-school experiences, and work opportunities for youth.

The Committee is awaiting the result of an application for Federal Funds made by the Hampshire Community Action Commission which may have bearing on future programs in Belchertown.

CHARLES JACKSON, Chm.
Community Action Comm.

Sewer Commissioner's Report

Due to a ruling by the Massachusetts Department of Health, whereby all sewage from septic tanks must be disposed of and treated in the town from which it is collected, it was necessary to arrange for a proper opening in our sewerage system and supervision of all truck deliveries. Later in the year, through the close cooperation of the engineering department at the Belchertown State School, it was arranged to dispose of this sewage at the filter beds. Special permits were printed and a charge of five dollars for each disposal has been paid to the Town Treasurer.

Considerable repair was necessary at the No. 2 meter house due to the damage of sewer gas to the cement blocks in this building. Areas of these blocks were cemented and the inside and outside was coated with acrylic base paint. We feel this will control this condition in the future. The road to this building was graveled and graded, making it much more accessible.

Root growth in our sewerage system continues to be a major problem. Chemicals are added each year and will be continued with the hope of controlling this condition.

Most of the trunk lines on the east and west side of the system have been cleared of brush, limbs, etc. The purchase of a chain saw and brush cutter late in the year is expected to simplify this part of our maintenance and also realize considerable savings.

Many stoppages occured during the year, all of which received prompt attention.

There were two new installations, making a total of 256.

We again wish to express thanks to everyone, and to the officials at the State School for the fine cooperation received during the year.

Meetings of the Sewer Department are held the second Monday of each month.

D. DONALD HAZEN
FREDERICK E. LINCOLN
HARRY L. BROUGHAM
Sewer Commissioners

Cemetery Report

The Cemetery Commission met March 3, to choose officers. Sidney Wheble was elected chairman; Edward Fuller, clerk; and Edmund Blaine, third member.

Since the town has nine cemeteries, each member had three cemeteries as his responsibility to supervise as to mowing, clipping and general maintenance of same.

Various improvements and projects completed this year were as follows. The entrance at Mt. Hope was widened by the removal of the center pier. In the Spring the left pier will be rebuilt and the gate installed in place. A large section of road was black-topped; also ninety feet of cedar fence added. A cement floor was laid in the tomb. Two more lots were made available at Mt. Hope by the construction of new terraces. Two signs were erected, one at Dwight and one at Rural. More are planned for the coming year. The new development off Mill Valley Road was graded and a winter cover planted. The final grade and planting will be done in the spring. The gate at South Cemetery was repaired, also forty feet of cedar fence was replaced at Hillcrest due to automobile damage.

There were twenty-one burials, and $850.00 was deposited in the Cemetery Income Account.

The Commission feels this has been a year of accomplishment, and thanks everyone for their patience, understanding, and cooperation.

SIDNEY T. WHEBLE, JR.
EDWARD L. FULLER
EDMOND A. BLAINE
Cemetery Commissioners

Dog Officer's Report

Upon receiving his warrant from the Selectmen, the Dog Officer collected fees and issued 182 dog licenses and 6 kennel licenses. The total amount of $541.00 for these licenses was remitted to the town.

Statistics

Dog tags issued in 1965—630
Four-dog kennel licenses—16
Ten-dog kennel licenses—4
Stray dogs picked up—49
Dogs returned to owners—8
Unlicensed dogs killed on the highways—9
Dog complaints investigated—10

WALLACE CHEVALIER
Dog Officer

Tree Warden's Report

Every year there is a certain amount of work to be done by our Tree Warden to remove dead, dangerous and low hanging limbs along our highways. Last winter the severe ice-storms caused more than the usual amount of tree damage. In addition to trimming, thirty-three dead, dangerous trees were removed.

Also, another large portion of trimming was done by Electric Light and Telephone Companies under our supervision.

For the Dutch Elm Disease program, thirty-three condemned trees were cut down and hauled away. Also fifteen "Staghorn" Elms were removed. For prevention of this disease, the trees were sprayed twice, once with 6% D. D. T. and again with 12% D. D. T. in areas where there was no danger to livestock.

Twenty Rock Maples were planted in this year's Tree Planting Program. Six of them were to replace previously planted trees that were victims of the drought.

My appreciation goes to my wife, and brothers, Ken and George for carrying on while I was recuperating from my accident in August.

ALBERT W. BROWN
Tree Warden and Moth Superintendent

Plumbing and Gas Inspector

In 1964 the Town of Belchertown was instructed by the State to appoint a gas inspector. Later that year we were instructed to adopt a Plumbing Code and appointed a plumbing Inspector. We have combined these two positions.

In 1965 the State of Massachusetts adopted a State Plumbing Code which will apply to all cities and towns. The new code is not yet available so therefore at this time we are approving plumbing installations based on accepted trade standards.

During the year 1965 fifty-one gas installations were inspected and five plumbing inspections were made.

Delmore LaJeunesse, a master plumber, holds the position of Plumbing and Gas Inspector.

School Committee

Your School Committee held thirty-two meetings during the year. Informal inspections and meetings are not included in this number. School Committee Representatives serve on the following committees: Summer Recreation, Old Town Hall, and Belchertown Jr.-Sr. High School Building.

The Department continues to up-grade facilities at the Franklin, Center and Memorial (Old High School) buildings. Part of the program this past year was the re-shingling of the roof at Center, new furniture was purchased for Grade One at Franklin along with improved lighting at Franklin and Memorial School.

The use and operation of the new Junior-Senior High building through the courtesy of the Building Committee has been an effective tool for the education of our youth.

The Committee has decided to submit Articles for the annual warrant relative to school needs; Vocational Education and the Stabilization Fund for needs in the future.

The Superintendent's office was re-located in the Library at the request of the Library Trustees. It was felt by the School Committee and Library Trustees that the new location would offer a more practical and secure operation of the building and facilities.

We are entering our second year of study of the report "Quality Education for Massachusetts". This report covers many controversial subjects and its recommendations have great depth.

The Committee wishes to express its appreciation to all who assist in the improvement of our Educational System and support our budget during this transition period.

The Belchertown School Committee respectfully asks the town to appropriate the sum of $565,680.00 for the operation of the schools during 1966:

Proposed Budget, 1966

1000	Administration	$21,760.00
2000	Instruction	378,625.00
3000	Other School Services	61,135.00
4000	Operation & Maintenance of Plant	81,085.00
5000	Fixed Charges	350.00
7000	Acquisition of Fixed Assets	2,005.00
9000	Programs with other schools	20,720.00
		$565,680.00

In accordance with the Regulations of Section 10, Chapter 70, Acts of 1948 of the General Laws the Belchertown School Committee includes the following estimate of anticipated receipts, 1966:

State School Fund (Chapter 70)	$65,318.05
Transportation (Chapter 71)	37,215.00
Tuition of State Wards (Ch. 76)	4,295.09
Transportation of State Wards	1,867.78
State-Aided Vocational Ed. (Ch. 74):	
Household Arts	1,734.61
State-Aided Vocational, Transp.	2,762.52
State-Aided Vocational Ed. Tuition	6,951.87
Mentally & Physically Handicapped (Ch. 69)	3,500.00
	$123,644.92

Approximate amount to be raised by local taxation: $442,035.08

HAROLD W. WILLEY, Chm.
ARTHUR H. BRENNEN
LLOYD C. CHADBOURNE
PHYLLIS W. FLAHERTY
DAVID A. STAPLES
School Committee

Superintendent of Schools

The year 1965 was the first full year in recent history in which all pupils from grade one through grade twelve enjoyed adequate classroom and supplementary school space. A year of working and living in the new Junior-Senior High School has proved that building to be an excellent facility for education.

The opening of the new building enabled elementary children to have the advantage of an all purpose room, one in each school, for the purpose of music, dramatics, physical education, and audio-visual instruction.

Although the past year was a good one with respect to space, a ten per cent increase in pupil enrollment last September pointed to the fact a shortage of classrooms undoubtedly will become a problem for the schools in the not too distant future. In order to make sound long range plans to provide for growing numbers of students it would seem wise at this time to establish a responsible committee of the Town for the purpose of studying future school needs.

An extended In-Service Training Program for teachers in the Spring of 1965 made it possible to make important improvements in the teaching of mathematics at various levels.

An examination of standardized test results in reading revealed serious weaknesses in pupil performance particularly at the upper elementary and junior high school levels. A special committee formulated a five year plan for the improvement of reading. This plan which has been approved by the State Department of Education makes it possible for the schools to obtain certain financial assistance for buying materials and equipment under the National Defense Education Act. Additional help may also be available under the new Elementary and Secondary Education Act for partial payment for a specialized person in reading at the secondary level.

Starting last September a special class for educably retarded children was started at the Cold Spring School. The establishment of this class eliminated the need to continue sending these children out of town for specialized instruction and training.

Through funds granted by the Office of Economic Opportunity suplemented by local contributions of space, services and equipment, a Headstart Program for thirty-three pre-school children was held in the summer of 1965. Special features included hot lunch, enrichment field trips, aptitude testing, and physical and dental examinations. The eight-week program, conducted in cooperation with the Belchertown Community Action Committee was a decided help in preparing children for first grade.

French instruction in the junior high school was expanded to include eighth grade students.

An extensive intra-mural program in seasonal sports for secondary boys and girls was conducted throughout the year. It is expected that a similar program will be made available to upper elementary children during 1966. A start was made towards the development of an inter-scolastic soccer program which may become a major sport in the future.

A work study program was instituted in the High School which makes it possible for a student to continue his education and at the same time to gain work experience under school supervision.

An enlarged club program and a Ninth Grade weekly assembly program in vocational careers were begun in the High School.

Because it appears that an ever-increasing number of school-age children are settling in the town and because of the growing cost of equipment, supplies and services, the cost for education in Belchertown will continue to rise. The cost for improving the quality of education will be even more. The community clearly needs additional financial assistance from State and other sources if it is going to continue to maintain the present level of support and particularly if it wishes to make additions and improvements in line with today's and tomorrow's requirements.

SCHOOL FINANCIAL REPORT

Classification of School Expenditures, 1965

1000—GENERAL CONTROL

School Committee:	
Expense	$361.80
Superintendent of Schools:	
Salaries	
Includes Supt. and Clerical	18,010.25
Expense	
Includes in and out-of-State travel, Printing, Office Supplies and Advertising	1,473.04
	$19,845.09

2000—INSTRUCTION

Salaries	
Includes Principals, Supervisors, Guidance, Teachers and Specialist	$304,526.75
Supervisor Expenses	
Includes Clerical Salaries	7,998.02
Instructional supplies, textbooks	23,108.91
	$335,633.68

3000—OTHER SCHOOL SERVICES

Salaries and Expenses		
Law Enforcement		$27.96
Health		6,706.89
Food Services		5,820.00
Transportation:		
Regular Routes	$34,765.02	
Field Trips	592.35	
Additional Trips	119.15	
Parental Arrangem't	724.00	
		39,200.52
Athletic		4,462.35
Student Activity		290.52
		$56,508.24

4000—OPERATION & MAINT. OF PLANT

Salaries	
Custodial	$30,992.03
Expense	
Includes Supplies, Telephone, Water, Electricity, and Fuel	27,927.80
Repair and Replacement	15,497.46
	$74,417.29

5000—FIXED CHARGES

Expense	
Insurance for Driver Education Car, Band Instruments and Uniforms	$178.00

7000—ACQUISITION OF FIXED ASSETS

Expense		
Reading Equipment		$891.73

9000—PROGRAMS WITH OTHER SCHOOLS

Vocational Education		
Tuition, EPA	$372.90	
Tuition, Day	13,577.58	
Transportation	5,772.40	
		$19,722.88
Special Class		
Tuition	$1,589.00	
Transportation	900.00	
		$2,489.00
		$22,211.88

Total School Expenditures—$509,685.91

RECEIPTS

Budget, 1965	$534,509.00
Less Expenditures	509,685.91

Balance Returned to Town—$24,823.09

REIMBURSEMENTS

Paid to Town of Belchertown from sources other than local taxation:

A. Chapter 70, School Aid		$59,047.13
B. Transportation		32,095.00
C. Vocational Ed. (Household Arts)		2,268.33
D. Special Class		2,108.85
B. Transportation		32,095.00
State Wards:		
Transportation	$935.78	
Tuition	3,535.09	
		$4,470.87
F. Vocational State Wards:		
Transportation	$760.00	
Tuition	932.00	
		$1,692.00
G. Vocational, Regular Day School:		
Transportation	$2,762.52	
Tuition	6,951.87	
		$9,714.39
		$111,396.57

RECAPITULATION

Total Cost of Schools	$509,685.91
Offset to 1966 Taxes	111,396.57
Actual cost to Town of Belchertown, 1965	$398,289.34
Actual Cost to Town of Belchertown, 1964	$315,642.56

ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 1, 1965

School	**Grades** 1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	**Total**
Cold Spring	79	77	107										274
Franklin	27	24											51
Center				104									104
Memorial					111	97							208
Jr.-Sr. High							81	94	76	68	75	56	450
Totals—	106	101	107	104	111	97	81	94	76	68	75	56	1,087*

*Includes 11 special class students

School Building

We herewith submit as a report of progress, the following developments toward the completion of the Junior-Senior High School Building Program.

As you will recall, the building has been occupied for school purposes, since November 30, 1964. This occupancy has resulted in a thorough test and breaking-in, of both building and equipment, which in general has been quite satisfactory.

Minor flaws have and are being adjusted with the various suppliers and contractors making good on their guarantees. At the moment, we are holding up on certain payments to the General Contractor, for certain unfinished items, which in our opinion, should not be completed until warmer weather has arrived.

With the development of the High School Program, additional facilities and equipment as originally planned will be procured and installed.

The outstanding event of the year, as far as this Program is concerned, occurred on Sunday, May 23, 1965, when with appropriate ceremonies, the new Junior-Senior High School was dedicated.

In June 1965, before a capacity audience, the first graduation was held in the gymnasium and another chapter in the progressive march of our Town had been achieved.

We particularly want to thank the graduating class of 1965, for the substantial gift by them, made available to the Committee, for the erection of a suitable entrance marker for the school complex.

Cooperation between the Town Officials and Boards, the School Department, students and the public with our Committee has been excellent. We especially commend the custodial staff for the fine maintenance of the building, grounds and equipment.

ISSAC A. HODGEN, CHM.
DAVID A. STAPLES, V.CHM.
JOHN V. NELSON, CLERK
WALTER L. PAPP
DONALD E. GEER
CLIFFORD E. HOLT
ANDREW G. KETCHEN
School Building Committee

Summer Recreation

During the early part of May, the Summer Recreation Committee held its first official meeting on the grounds of Parsons Field. This was to be the prime target of recreational area improvement for this year. It was decided at this time to remove the old shrubbery growing near the main entrance and to approach the problem of sprucing up the general over-all entrance of the park.

Ten ton of lime was ordered, of which five was to be spread on Parsons Field, and the other five ton going to the Town Common. In a few short weeks this was to show reward by the appearance of two excellent beds of rich grass.

By this time, the members of the Chadbourne Oil Company softball team sought a way to aid in the appearance effort, and they proceeded to spend about a week of early evenings raking, grading, and rolling the area consisting of the softball diamond and the out-field.

At this point, the Committee, along with a number of individuals, including the local Jaycees and members of the Highway Department, ventured in depth to donate hundreds of free man hours and equipment hours to haul approximately thirty-five hundred yards of fill from a bank located on the Ferris property on Jabish Street. Our thanks go out to all, including a number of outsiders from Ware, Granby, Amherst, and Chicopee, for donating the use of very heavy and expensive equipment.

Towards the end of August, a huge bulldozer and operator spent a full day dozing and grading the fill in both the south-east section and the south-west portion of the park.

Following this free gesture from a Granby contractor, about three hundred yards of prime loam was donated by a housing developer in a neighboring town. This amount was sufficient enough to cover the complete area of the south-east portion of the park.

Fifty dollars was transferred to the Parsons Field budget to cover grading and seeding, but due to the loam remaining too moist and muddy the seeding had to be postponed until next spring.

This Committee holds high hopes that the summer recreation budget can be increased substantially for future continuation of the development of this town's park and beach recreation facilities, accenting on Parsons Field.

RICHARD O. CLARK
LLOYD C. CHADBOURNE, Jr.
WALTER TOLPA, JR.
Summer Recreation Committee

Report of Town Clerk

FINANCIAL

Receipts	No.	Amounts
Sporting licenses (gross)	587	$2,570.70
Dog licenses (gross)	682	1,827.00
U.C.C. mortgages and termin.	186	530.00
Marriage intentions	44	88.00
Pole orders (Elec. * Tel.)	11	44.00
Registration of businesses	10	10.00
Registration of storage, fuels, and explosives	32	16.00
Birth, Marriage and Death copies and affidavits	181	180.00
Declaration of trust	1	5.00
Attachment f bulky pers. prop.	1	1.00
Sale of town maps	58	29.00

Totals Transactions—1,793 Cash—$5,300.70

Expenditures	Paid to	Amounts
Sporting licenses (net)	Div. F.&G.	$2,435.50
Dog licenses (net)	H. County	1,656.50
Sporting license fees	Town	135.20
Dog license fees	Town	170.50
UCC mortgages & term.	Town	530.00
Marriage intentions	Town	88.00
Pole orders	Town	44.00
Registration of business	Town	10.00
Registration of fuels, etc.	Town	16.00
B.-M.-D. Copies and affidav.	Town	180.00
Declaration of trust	Town	5.00
Attachments	Town	1.00
Town maps, sale of	Town	29.00
	Total	$5,300.70

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VITAL STATISTICS

Births

Births reported during 1965

Boys—47 Girls—40 Total—87

Place of Birth	Number	Boys	Girls
Ware	27	16	11
Holyoke	25	9	16
Northampton	15	8	7
Palmer	8	8	
Chicopee (West. A.F.B.)	5	3	2
Ludlow	2	1	1
Worcester	2	1	1
Holden	1	1	
Springfield	1	1	
Waltham	1		1

Multiple Births—2

Twin boys, Twin boy and girl

Marriages

Marriages reported during 1965

Persons	Male	Female	Total
Resident	25	28	53
Non-Resident	25	22	47
Total	50	50	100

Marriages at Belchertown	26
Other cities and towns	22
Out of state	2
Total	50

Marriage intentions filed here—44

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Deaths

Deaths reported during 1965

Male—35 Female—42 Total—77

Residents—45 Non-Residents—32

Place of death	Number
Belchertown	49
Palmer	9
Ware	6
Holyoke	6
Springfield	3
South Hadley	1
Ludlow	1
Northampton	2
Total	77

(28 of the above deaths were at the B. S. S.)

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JURORS DRAWN IN 1965

February 25, 1965

Traverse

Richard O. Clark Walter S. Slupnicki
Rudolph Smola Joseph LaBrie
Ann C. Austin

March 22, 1965

Traverse

Lafayette Ayers Stanley Supczak
Adelyn Stacy Ramon Horta
Kenneth Thayer Peter Adzima
Paul Barrett N. Harld Tucker, Jr.
Edna Camp

May 6, 1965

Traverse

Barbara C. Henneman

August 5, 1965

Traverse
Thomas E. Evans Ellsworth L. Forgue
David E. Fournier III David G. Hodgen
Florian B. Czupkiewicz

September 2, 1965

Traverse
Ralph F. Pittsley Milton A. Butler

September 23, 1965

Traverse
James B. Baker Edward P. Field

December 23, 1965

Traverse
Henry R. Depot Lawrence J. Bronner

Grand
Harvey R. Plant

ROBERT D. CAMP, SR.
Town Clerk

Jury List

Male

Baker, James B., North Main Street—Printer, Belchertown State School

Barrett, Warren P., Jackson Street—Engineer, American Bosch, Springfield

Beddingfield, James D., Railroad Street—Manager —Retail Store, W.T. Grant Co., New York

Birge, Albert B., Stebbins Street—Welding work, Nat'l Blank Co., Holyoke

Bronner, Lawrence J., Hamilton Road—Bock tender, Marcal Paper Mill

Brougham, Ralph C., Jabish Street—Loader Operator, Self employed

Butler, Milton A., Amherst Road—Senior Analysist, Monsanto Co., Indian Orchard

Choquette, Paul E., Stebbins Street—Storekeeper, General Electric, Spfld.

Clark, Alfred H., Jr. Amherst Road—Technical Assistant University of Mass.

Cole, Donald S., North Main Street—Excavating Contractor, Self employed

Cook, Harold P., Park Street—Heavy Equipment Mechanic, Kellog Communications

Czupkiewicz, Florian B., Bay Road—General Manager, Robert Fibre Box Co.

Depot, Henry R., Bay Road—Chemical Worker, Shawinigan Resins—Indian Orchard

Dewitt, Giles R., Allen Road—Supv. Liaison Engineering, Kaman Aircraft Corp., Conn.

Dyer, Clifford J., South Main Street—Cable Splicer, New England Tel & Tel, Palmer

Evans, Thomas E., Mill Valley Road— Electrical Maintenance, Ludlow Industrial Realty

Ferenz, William, Ware Road—Foreman, Metro. District Comm.

Field, Edward P., No. Washington Street—Stock Supervisor, Forbes & Wallace

Forgue, Ellsworth L., Jabish Street—Bench Hand, Smith & Wesson, Springfield

Fournier, David E., III Bay Road—Farmer, Self employed

Goodrow, Francis E., Bay Road—Laboratory Assistant, U.S. Rubber Co., Chicopee Falls

Green, Merle R., Jackson Street—Life Insurance Agent, Prudential Ins. Co.

Harrington, Stanford J., Park Street—Corporation Officer, S. J. Harrington, Inc.

Hazen, Donald D., Maple Street—Trucking, Self employed

Herbert, Arthur H., Amherst Road—Construction Laborer, Wm. E. Moore, Inc.

Henry, Walter J., State Street—Electrician, U. S. Rubber—Chicopee Falls

Hodgen, David G., Chadbourne Road—Horticulturist, Self employed

Hodgen, Isaac A., Sargent Street—Bk. Trs.— Board of Inv., Ware

Holt, Clifford E., Bardwell Street—Service Manager, Walker Motor Sales, Palmer

Jackson, Charles W., Gulf Road—Retired—Westover

Jackson, George B., No. Washington Street—R. E. Developer, Mill Hollow Realty

Juskalian, Antranig, Green Avenue—Group Leader, Monsanto Co., Indian Orchard

Ketchen, Gould, Jabish Street—General Manager, Quabbin Industries, Inc.

McHaffie, William N., Bay Road—Experimental Tube Bender, Titeflex, Inc.

McLean, Charles F., Gulf Road—Elect. power Line Specialist, Westover Air Force Base

Meaux, Hyman A., Amherst Road—Machinist, Kollmorgen Corp., Northampton

Merrill, Roger C., Chauncey Walker Road—Engineer, Shawinigan Corp., Indian Orchard

Monks, James, Amherst Road—Machinist, Nat'l. Blank Co., Holyoke

Murphy, Leslie H., Munsell Street—Machinist, Kollmorgen Optical

Panzer, Frederick E., Fuller Street—Civil Engineer, Mass. DPW

Parmenter, Albert G., No. Washington Street—Asst. Civil Engineer, Comm. of Mass. DPW

Perham, Donald, Springfield Road—Molder, Springfield Foundry

Pittsley, Ralph F., Federal Street—Laboratory Assistant, Monsanto Co., Indian Orchard

Plant, Harvey R., Allen Road—Bulldozer Operator, Don Cole

Rhodes, Lester M., Warren Wright Road—Trucking, Self employed

Rhodes, Theodore C., Warren Wright Road—Carpenter, University of Mass.

Robinson, Russell E., Allen Road—Civil Engineer, Comm. of Mass. DPW

Scialla, Frank, Jackson Street—Machinist, Tampax, Inc., Palmer

Shea, Daniel P., Jensen Road—Blacksmith, Common. of Mass.

Smith, Emmons C., Federal Street—Foreman, Monsanto Co., Indian Orchard

Sroka, Mitchell A., Mill Valley Road—Instrument Lead-man, Monsanto Co., Indian Orchard

Staples, David A., South Main Street—Owner, Jackson's Store

Vanasse, Robert N., Maple Street—Unemployed,

Wheble, Sidney T., Jr. Jackson Street—Welder, Quabbin Industries, Inc.

Female

Burke, Alice M., Old Enfield Road—Clerk & Cashier, First Nat'l, Store

Downing, Barbara, Maple Street—Distribution & Window Clerk, Belchertown Post Office

Gawlik, Jane H., Lloyd Avenue—Off. Mgr. & Ins. Broker, Cornelius W. Phillips, Inc. Chic., Mass.

Hill, Harriet, North Main Street—Senior Clerk & Typist, Belchertown State School

Knight, Margaret L., Everett Avenue—(Knight, Howard) Guard—Shawninigan Corp.—Ind. Or.

Nelson, Margit V., Franklin Street—(Nelson, John) Photographer—New England Roto Engraving West Springfield, Mass.

Orlando, Irene B., South Main Street—Retired—Teacher—Belchertown,

Papp, Helen L., Mill Valley Road—Asst. Librarian, Clapp Memorial Library

Report of Tax and Town Collector

Levy, Yr.	Out. 1-1-65	Comm.	Ref.	Pd. af. Abt.
1962				
Pers. Property				$29.25
Real Estate	$2,418.75			
Motor V. Excise	2.00			6.60
1963				
Poll	8.00			
Pers. Property	64.80			
Farm Anim. Exc.	45.75			
Real Estate	6,919.18		$96.00	
M. V. Ex.	299.52			187.92
1964				
Pers. Property	1,757.28		20.45	
Farm An. Exc.	99.75			
Real Est.	40,324.73		3,150.40	
M. V. Ex.	8,515.72	$2,990.22	683.94	
1965				
Pers. Property		41,093.91	1.95	
Farm An. Ex.		671.28	.75	
Real Estate		565,762.09	1,978.60	
M. V. Ex.		85,420.35	4,844.92	
Sewer Better. (Appor.)		67.69		
Sewer Better. (Full)		169.75		
Sewer Better. Int. (Appor.)		11.84		
Sewer Better. Int. (Full)		5.09		
Sewer Charges				
1960	$30.00			
1961	30.00			
1962	90.00			
1963	30.00			
1964	260.00			
1965		5,275.00		
	$60,895.48	$701,467.22	$10,777.01	$223.77
				$773,363.48

In addition to the above items, all of which were committed for collection, the Collector charged interest and fees as provided by law on all taxes, excises and charges declared delinquent for the years 1962 thru 1965 in the following amounts:

Report of Susan M. D. Bridgman Poor Fund

During the year 1965, the First National Bank of Amherst voted a stock dividend on the basis of two for three shares. The Town (Susan M. D. Bridgman Fund), owning 525 shares, received a dividend of 350 shares, making a new total of 875 shares of stock in the aforesaid bank, owned by the town.

It further voted to authorize the purchase rights of new stock on the basis of the number of shares owned after the above stock dividend. In short, the town had the right to sell the purchase rights of 875 shares. In view of the fact that the town may not purchase bank stock, nor may the town change the original bequest, it became necessary for the treasurer to dispose of the purchase rights to the best interests of the town. Hence, the treasurer called for bids on the rights to purchase share rights on the 875 shares which was sold to the highest bidder at $3.52 each with a net to the town of $3,080.00. This amount was deposited with the Fund as listed under Trusts.

Fund balance as of Jan. 1, 1965—Ludlow Savings Bank, $2,142.00—525 shares of stock @ $10.00

Fund bal. as of Dec. 31, 1965—Ludlow Savings Bank, $5,783.72—875 shares of stock @ $10.00

In addition to the above report and balance, there is a cash dividend paid to the town each year and is known as the S.M.D. Bridgman Poor Fund Income Account.

Interest	$1,490.74
Total collections paid to town treasurer—	$684,287.82

ROBERT D. CAMP, SR.
Tax & Town Collector

Report of Town Treasurer

Cash in treasury Jan. 1, 1965	$345,970.54
Receipts during 1965	1,398,424.76
	$1,744,395.30
Expenditures during 1965	$1,458,188.12
Cash in treasury Dec. 31, 1965	286,207.18
	$1,744,395.30

Income from purchase and sale of U.S. Treasury Bills	$310.94
Income from funds on deposit in Savings Banks	1,603.52
Income—	$1,914.46

Short Term Notes of 1966

No. 242, dated 4-9-65, $100,000, due 11-12-65, discounted 1.8%	$1,085.00
No. 243, dated 8-10-65, $100,000, due 12-3-65, discounted at 1.8%	575.00
Expense to Town—	$1,660.00

During 1965 the town employed 346 persons with gross wages of	$460,822.38
Less deductions—taxes, retirement, and insurance	83,261.06
Ne wages paid—	$377,561.32

Collec.	**Abated**	**Trans. to T. Titles**	**Out. 12-31-65**
$29.25			
2,409.75			$9.00
8.60			
2.00	$4.00		2.00
33.90			30.90
45.75			
6,323.98	96.00	$88.80	506.40
306.88	126.65		53.91
1,552.05	4.80		220.88
99.75			
33,369.22	3,192.00	118.40	6,795.51
9,705.89	2,306.84		177.15
39,235.17	163.80		1,696.89
564.03	.75		107.25
505,963.27	15,312.70	159.90	46,304.82
76,208.41	8,542.98		5,513.88
33.74			33.95
169.75			
6.75			5.09
5.09			
	30.00		
	30.00		
15.00	45.00		30.00
			30.00
215.00			45.00
5,100.00			175.00
$681,403.23	$29,855.52	$367.10	$61,737.63
			$773,363.48
Fees and charges			$1,393.85

Report of Trust Funds

Fund	**Bal. 1-1-65**	**Withdr'n**	**Int.**	**Dep.**	**Bal. 12-31-65**
George D. Longley (Music)	$2,417.67		$97.66		$2,515.33
Calvin Bridgman (High School)	6,807.93		275.02		7,082.95
S. M. D. Bridgman (Cemetery)	555.85		22.42		578.27
Whiting Street	11,621.70		469.50		12,091.20
Willard Stebbins (Cemetery)	1,581.67		63.88		1,645.55
Calvin Bridgman (Library)	4,161.60		168.10		4,329.70
Nellie E. Brown (Cemetery)	1,081.97	$ 30.00	43.28		1,095.25
Perpetual Care, Cemeteries	33,984.78	1,359.06	1,359.89	1,025.00	35,010.61
Vienna Somes (Bridgman Cem.)	300.00		10.75		310.75
Post War Rehabilitation	126.88		5.10		131.98
Stabilization Fund	848.09		117.59	5,000.00	5,965.68
S. M. D. Bridgman Poor Fund	2,142.00		138.92	3,502.80	5,783.72
	$65,630.14	$1,389.06	2,772.11	$9,527.80	$76,540.99

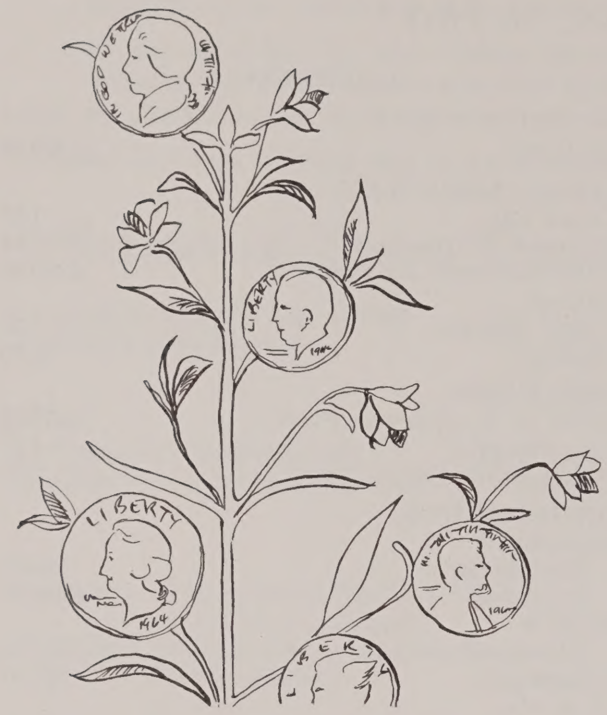
ROBERT D. CAMP, SR.
Town Treasurer

S M D Bridgman Poor Fund—875 shares of stock First National Bank of Amherst @ $10.00

Balance Sheet—Dec. 31, 1965

ASSETS	
Cash	286,207.18
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE:	
Taxes:	
Levy of 1962	
Real Estate	9.00
Levy of 1963	
Polls	2.00
Personal	30.90
Real Estate	506.40
Levy of 1964	
Personal	220.88
Real Estate	6,795.51
Levy of 1965	
Personal	1,696.89
Real Estate	46,304.82
MOTOR VEHICLE & TRAILER EXCISE:	
Levy of 1963	53.91
Levy of 1964	177.17
Levy of 1965	5,513.88
FARM ANIMAL EXCISE:	
Levy of 1965	107.25
TAX TITLES & TAX POSSESSIONS:	
Tax Titles	447.14
Tax Possessions	704.93
SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS:	
SEWERS:	
Rental of 1962	30.00
Rentals of 1963	30.00
Rentals of 1964	45.00
Rentals of 1965	175.00
Deferred Assessments—not due	193.66
Special Assessments—approp. 1965	33.95
Committed Interest	5.09
DEPARTMENTAL:	
O. A. A.	1,004.95
M. A. A.	2,025.54
A. D. C.	3,198.80
D. A.	418.79
Highways	1,004.63
Tree Warden	134.00
AID TO HIGHWAYS:	
State	30,512.30
County	7,000.00
OVERDRAFTS:	
1964 Overlay	70.94
1965 Overlay	2,567.08
DOG OFFICER FEES	85.00
	$397,312.59

LIABILITIES	
State Recreation Areas	215.10
County Tax	1,589.40
PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS:	
Group Life	1.03
Insurance Reserve	651.15
Road Machinery Earnings	6,370.67
Agency:	
Dog Licenses	5.25
Tailings	11.10
TRUST FUNDS:	
Susan M. D. Bridgman Fund	2,977.23
War Memorial	4.49
Walter Pratt, Private Trust	3.00
FEDERAL GRANTS:	
O. A. A.	
Administration	213.78
Assistance	3,189.53
M. A. A.	
Administrative	117.40
Assistance	986.97
A. D. C.	
Administration	81.51
Assistance	1,561.61
D. A.	
Administration	5.75
Assistance	1,322.02
Public Law 85-864 III	786.59
Title III, Special Account	472.88
Public Law 85-864 V	133.72
Public Law 874	14,241.96
Smith Hughes-George Barden Fund	214.00
REVOLVING FUNDS:	
High School Athletic Fund	1,468.69
School Lunch	9,018.91
APPROPRIATIONS BALANCES	98,631.87
SALE OF REAL ESTATE	3,363.68
PROFIT —	
SALE OF LAND OF LOW VALUE	1,715.48
SALE OF CEMETERY LOTS	139.50
RESERVE FUND—OVERLAY SURPLUS	6,226.74
OVERLAYS RESERVE FOR ABATEMENTS:	
Levy of 1962	9.00
Levy of 1963	568.10
REVENUE RESERVE UNTIL COLLECTED:	
Motor Vehicle & Trailer Excise	5,744.96
Farm Animal Excise	107.25
Special Assessments	512.67
Tax Titles & Tax Possessions	1,152.07
Departmental	7,786.71
Aid to Highways	37,512.30
SURPLUS REVENUE	188,198.52
	$397,312.59



TRUST AND INVESTMENT FUNDS

TRUST AND INVESTMENT FUNDS:	
Cash and securities in custody of the Treasurer	79,625.99
	$79,625.99
In Custody of Treasurer:	
Susan M. D. Bridgman Cemetery Fund	578.27
Nellie E. Brown Cemetery Fund	1,105.25
Calvin Bridgman Library Fund	4,329.70
George D. Longley Music Fund	2,515.33
Calvin Bridgman High School Fund	7,082.95
Whiting Street Poor Fund	12,097.20
Susan M. D. Bridgman Poor Fund	9,283.72
Willard Stebbins Cemetery Fence Fund	1,645.55
Cemetery Perpetual Care	34,585.61
Post War Rehabilitation	131.98
Stabilization Fund	5,965.68
Vianna Sommes Cemetery Fund	310.75
	$79,625.99

DEBT ACCOUNT

NET FUNDED OF FIXED DEBT:	
Inside the debt limit	
General	71,000.00
Outside the debt limit	954,000.00
	$1,025,000.00
SERIAL LOANS:	
Inside the debt limit	
Sewer Loan of 1949	13,000.00
School Building Loan—Acts of '49	58,000.00
Outside the debt limit	
School Building Loan of 1952	77,000.00
New Jr.-Sr. High Loan of 1963	830,000.00
School Building Loan of 1963	47,000.00
	$1,025,000.00

DEBT STATEMENT 1965

Loan	Loan Issued	Rate	Dec. 31, 1964 Outstanding	Paid in 1965	Outstanding Dec. 31, 1965	Due in 1966
Sewer Construction Loan	1949	2.5	15,000.00	2,000.00	13,000.00	2,000.00
School Building Loan	1951	2.1	88,000.00	11,000.00	77,000.00	11,000.00
School Building Loan	1952	2.1	67,000.00	9,000.00	58,000.00	9,000.00
New Junior-Senior H. S. Loan	1963	3.1	880,000.00	50,000.00	830,000.00	50,000.00
New Junior-Senior H. S. Loan	1963	3.0	62,000.00	15,000.00	47,000.00	12,000.00

Itemized Report of Receipts And Expenditures

REPORT OF APPROPRIATIONS & EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1965

	Annual 1965 Town Meeting Appropriations		Additions & Prior Bal. Transfers	Available Amount for expense	Expenditures	Balance
GENERAL GOVERNMENT						
Moderator	25.00			25.00		25.00
Selectmen, Salaries	2,275.00			2,575.00	2,575.00	
Selectmen, Expense	1,200.00			1,200.00	1,133.55	66.45
Town Accountant, Salary	1,300.00			1,300.00	1,300.00	
Town Accountant, Expense	240.00	B	18.75	258.25	255.25	3.50

	Annual 1965 Town Meeting Appropriations		Additions & Prior Bal. Transfers	Available Amount for expense	Expenditures	Balance
Treasurer, Salary	2,200.00			2,200.00	2,200.00	
Treasurer, Expense	1,300.00	C	149.25	1,449.25	1,449.25	
Collector, Salary	2,300.00			2,300.00	2,300.00	
Collector, Expense	2,315.00			2,315.00	2,017.85	243.15
Assessors, Salaries	1,600.00			1,600.00	1,600.00	
Assessors, Expense	3,100.00	B	3.51	3,103.51	3,103.51	
State Assessment System	200.00			200.00		200.00
Finance Committee	90.00			90.00	27.80	62.20
Town Clerk, Salary	1,000.00			1,000.00	1,000.00	
Town Clerk, Expense	750.00			705.00	705.00	
Law	800.00	F	481.00	1,281.00	1,253.10	27.90
Elections & Registrations	900.00	B	285.00	1,185.00	1,181.11	3.89
1965 State Census	800.00			800.00	579.90	220.10
Planning Board	800.00			800.00	223.03	576.97
Board of Appeals	50.00			50.00	42.53	7.47
Zoning By-Law Officer, Salary	300.00			300.00	300.00	
Zoning By-Law Officer, Expense	100.00	B	107.00	207.00	207.00	
Old Town Hall	1,250.00			1,250.00	1,218.03	31.97
Lawrence Memorial Hall	1,200.00			1,200.00	594.02	605.98
Town Garage	4,100.00			4,100.00	1,706.04	2,393.96
PUBLIC SAFETY						
Police Department	14,836.00	B	252.50	15,087.54	15,087.54	.96
Fire Department, New Equipment	3,500.00		500.00	3,200.00	3,200.00	
Town Emergency Ambulance	2,700.00			3,800.00	3,792.48	7.52
Fire Department	3,800.00			3,500.00	3,500.00	
Water Storage Holes	500.00	B	100.00	600.00	598.72	1.28
Hydrant Service	2,500.00			2,500.00	2,500.00	
Insect Pest Control	700.00			700.00	695.05	4.95
Dutch Elm Disease	1,200.00			1,200.00	1,199.30	.70
Tree Service	350.00			350.00	246.00	104.00
Tree Warden	1,700.00			1,700.00	1,699.15	.85
Forest Fires	2,400.00			2,400.00	2,384.95	15.05
Wire Inspector	300.00			300.00	300.00	
Sealing of Weights & Measures	165.00			165.00	165.00	
Plumbing & Gas Inspector	300.00			300.00	300.00	
Dog Officer	270.00			270.00	101.34	168.66
Civilian Defense, Salary	300.00			300.00	300.00	
Civilian Defense, Expense	150.00	B	22.43	172.43	172.43	
HEALTH & SANITATION						
Board of Health, Salaries	350.00			350.00	350.00	
Board of Health, Expense	2,057.00	B	684.00	2,741.00	2,657.55	83.45
Town Dump	1,204.00			1,204.00	1,200.00	4.00
Sewer Commissioners, Salary	500.00			500.00	500.00	
Sewer Maintenance	4,100.00	C	12.80	4,412.80	4,337.70	75.10
HIGHWAYS						
Chapter 81	32,825.00			32,825.00	32,823.50	1.50
Chapter 90 C	44,900.00			44,900.00	24.25	44,875.75
Chapter 90 M	7,000.00	B	.26	7,000.26	6,999.86	.40
Chapter 782, Cold Spring	713.49	A	.01	713.50	713.50	
Chapter 782, Daniel Square	122.48	A	.52	123.00	123.00	
Chapter 822, East Walnut	12,000.00			12,000.00	8,436.99	3,563.01
Streets	1,800.00	B	4.70	1,804.70	1,804.70	
Brush Cutting	2,500.00			2,500.00	2,499.85	.15
Winter Employment	3,300.00	B	650.00	3,950.00	3,542.10	407.90
Bardwell Street	1,200.00			1,200.00	1,198.25	1.75
Eskett Road	1,200.00			1,200.00	1,199.60	.40
Gulf Road	1,200.00			1,200.00	1,194.01	5.99

	Annual 1965 Town Meeting Appropriations		Additions & Prior Bal. Transfers	Available Amount for expense	Expenditures	Balance
Orchard Street	1,200.00			1,200.00	1,199.48	.52
Rural Road	1,200.00			1,200.00	1,200.00	
Shaw Avenue	1,200.00		4.05	1,204.05	1,204.05	
South Washington Street	600.00			600.00	598.80	1.20
Bridges	2,000.00			2,000.00	1,983.58	16.42
Sidewalks	200.00			200.00	195.65	4.35
Snow Removal	10,000.00			10,000.00	9,639.28	360.72
Road Machinery Expense	6,000.00	B-C	465.43	6,465.43	6,464.73	.30
Street Lighting	8,167.00			8,167.00	7,879.28	327.72
PUBLIC WELFARE						
Salaries	675.00			675.00	675.00	
Public Assistance	42,350.00	C	160.10	42,510.10	31,903.58	10,606.52
VETERANS BENEFITS						
Agent's Salary	300.00			300.00	300.00	
Benefits	7,700.00	B-C	998.65	8,698.56	8,052.44	646.21
SCHOOLS & LIBRARIES						
#1000, Administration	19,905.00			19,905.00	19,845.09	59.91
#2000, Instruction	341,470.00			341,470.00	335,633.68	5,836.32
#3000, Other Services	57,924.00			57,924.00	56,508.24	1,415.76
#4000, Operation	85,695.00	C	20.00	85,715.00	74,437.29	11,277.71
#5000, Fixed Charges	200.00			200.00	178.00	22.00
#7000, Fixed Assets	920.00			920.00	891.73	28.27
#9000, Programs w/Other Schools	28,395.00			28,395.00	22,211.88	6,183.12
New Junior-Senior High School	166,214.46	A-C	26.20	166,240.66	120,327.27	45,913.39
Clapp Memorial Library	3,563.79	A-C	1,855.71	5,419.50	5,052.27	367.23
RECREATION & UNCLASSIFIED						
Parson Field	350.00	B	50.00	400.00	303.35	96.65
Town Common	350.00			350.00	312.10	37.70
Summer Recreation	1,200.00	B	2.35	1,202.35	1,202.35	
Insurance	14,172.24	C	671.24	14,843.48	12,618.84	2,224.64
Unpaid Bills of 1964	799.80			799.80	799.80	
Unpaid Bills of 1963-1964	58.80			58.80	58.80	
Retirement, Employees	8,913.85			8,913,85	8,913.85	
Memorial Day Services	200.00			200.00	120.79	79.53
Veterans' Day Services	60.00			60.00	57.00	3.00
Town Clock	150.00			150.00	150.00	
Printing Town Reports	1,000.00	B	34.25	1,034.25	1,034.25	
Unclassified Account	300.00	C	78.76	378.76	366.42	12.34
Reserve Fund	5,000.00			5,000.00	3,187.34	1,812.66
CEMETERIES						
Salaries	350.00			350.00	350.00	
Expense	5,830.00	A	1,369.06	7,856.98	4,871.80	2,621.18
Veterans' Graves	200.00			200.00	120.00	80.00
Layout Roads	240.00			240.00		240.00
INTEREST & MATURING DEBT						
Interest	34,874.00	C	775.00	35,649.00	35,309.00	340.00
Debt	292,200.00			292,200.00	292,200.00	
Blue Cross-Blue Shield	4,497.12	C	5.95	4,503.07	4,462.69	40.38
Group Life Insurance	987.72			987.72	835.33	152.39

A. Balances forward from 1964
B. Transfers
C. Refunds

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RECEIPTS
1965

GENERAL REVENUE

TAXES:	
Current Year:	
Property	545,198.44
Previous Years:	
Property	43,718.15
Poll	2.00
Other Local	
Tax Title Redemptions	1,290.38
Vessel, Farm Animal Excise	709.53
Lieu of Taxes	1,243.01
From the State:	
Income	8,507.00
Valuation Basis	6,271.35
Corporation	26,399.49
	633,339.35

LICENSES AND PERMITS

LICENSES:	
Alcoholic Beverage	2,721.00
All Other	251.00
PERMITS:	
Marriage	88.00
	3,059.00

FINES AND FORFEITS:

Court	447.70
Departmental Penalties	1,396.02
	1,843.72

GRANTS AND GIFTS

Grants from Federal Government	79,762.20
Grants from State	209,763.64
Grants from County:	
Dog Fund	546.31
	290,072.15

COMMERCIAL REVENUE

SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS:	
Sewers	5,330.00
Apportionment	33.74
Apportionment Paid in Full	169.75
	5,533.49

PRIVILEGES

Motor Vehicle Excise	86,299.78

DEPARTMENTAL

FINANCIAL:	
Collector Fees	1,545.00
Other General Departments:	
Town Clerk Fees	1,149.20
Zoning Board of Appeals	226.00
Municipal Buildings:	
Rental	248.00
	3,168.20

PUBLIC SAFETY

POLICE DEPARTMENT:	
Miscellaneous	90.00
Police Association Donation	500.00
FIRE DEPARTMENT:	
Miscellaneous	30.00
FORESTRY:	
Planting and Trimming Trees	112.00
OTHER PUBLIC SAFETY:	
Sealer of Weights & Measures	54.95
Dog Officer	1,043.00
	1,829.95

HEALTH AND SANITATION

HEALTH:	
Premature Births	487.88
Miscellaneous	81.50
SANITATION:	
Sewers and Sewer Disposal	163.00
	732.38

HIGHWAYS

General	12,581.12
Snow and Sanding	501.00
Miscellaneous	6,579.20
Other	504.75
	20,166.07

PUBLIC WELFARE

General Relief:	
Towns	230.21
Disability Assistance:	
State	227.37
Aid to Dependent Children:	
State	2,213.65
Old Age Assistance:	
State	6,943.63
Medical Assistance for Aged:	
State	5,948.41
	15,563.27

VETERANS' SERVICES

Reimbursement for Relief:	
From State	1,322.78

SCHOOLS

TUITION OF State Wards	4,467.09
TRANSPORTATION of State Wards	1,695.78
Miscellaneous:	
Food Service (Lunches)	38,493.72
Athletic Accounts	1,858.80
Other	66.46
	46,581.85

UNCLASSIFIED

RECEIPTS NOT PREVIOUSLY RECORDED:	
Sale of Real Estate	1,715.48
Rent of Property not used for Municipal Purposes	210.00
Certification of Liens	7.25
	1,932.73

CEMETERIES

Sale of Lots	139.50
Care of Endowed Lots	950.00
Miscellaneous	3,209.06

ADMINISTRATION OF TRUST FUNDS

Total Trust Funds	4,144.50

INTEREST

On Deposits	1,603.52
On Deferred Taxes	1,485.07
On Deferred Special Assessments	11.84
On Investment Funds	310.94
All Other	48.19
Miscellaneous	400.34
	3,859.90

MUNICIPAL INDEBTEDNESS

Other Temporary Loans	200,000.00

AGENCY, TRUST AND INVESTMENT

AGENCY:	
Sporting Licenses for the State	2,435.50
Dog Licenses for the County	1,659.50
TRUST:	
Other Public Trust Funds	7,171.87
Private Trust Funds and Accounts:	
Federal Withholding Taxes	49.931.20
Mass. Hospital Service	5,351.17
Retirement Fund Deductions	5,101.09
Group Life	910.32
Insurance Reserve	651.15
	73,211.80

REFUNDS

General Departments	2,535.28
TOTAL CASH, BEGINNING OF YEAR	345,970.54
GRAND TOTAL RECEIPTS AND CASH ON HAND	1,744,395.30

EXPENDITURES
1965

SELECTMEN:

Salaries	2,575.00
Expenses:	
State & County Association Dues	191.82
Association Meetings	170.50
Clerical	263.34
Phone	151.85
Printing & Postage	121.96
Office Supplies	40.15
Mileage	142.64
St. Patrick's Day Parade	19.07
Legal Notices & Advertising	10.62
Gavel	6.60
Janitor	15.00
	1,133.55

TOWN ACCOUNTANT:

Salary	1,300.00
Expense:	
Association Dues	5.00
Printing & Postage	18.42
Office Supplies	21.23
Adding Machine	155.60
Training Wages	55.00
	255.25

TREASURER:

Salary	2,200.00
Expense:	
Association Dues	6.00
Treasurer & Assist. Treasurer Bonds	220.00
Clerical	622.00
Printing & Postage	291.26
Office Supplies	22.47
Mileage	78.00
Registry of Deeds	45.00
Legal Notices	9.87
Rent of Safety Deposit Box	4.40
Replacements	1.00
	1,300.00

COLLECTOR:

Salary	2,300.00
Expense:	
Association Dues	6.00
Collector & Deputy Collector Bonds	364.00
Printing & Postage	693.07
Clerical	774.60
Janitor	5.00
Office Supplies	77.65
Mileage	27.28
Storing Records	3.00
Investigate Deeds	107.20
Phone	14.05
	2,071.85

ASSESSORS:

Salaries	1,600.00
Expense:	
Association Dues	12.00
Clerical	1,176.68
Printing & Postage	382.20
Maintaining Valuation	893.00
Mileage	50.00
Office Supplies	168.51
Camera & Films	14.92
Transfers	121.50
Conference	114.50
Repairs—typewriter	9.75
Phone	160.45
	3,103.51

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Association Dues	25.00
Clerical	2.80
	27.80

TOWN CLERK:

Salary	1,000.00
Expense:	
Association Dues	14.00
Town Clerk & Assist. Town Clerk Bonds	20.00
	3,298.56
Printing & Postage	109.94
Clerical	328.50
Phone	155.20
Office Supplies	16.93
Repairs	49.23
Legislative Reporting	8.50
Registry of Deeds	.60
Extension Cords	2.10
	705.00

LAW:

Town Attorney	700.00
Law Book Fillers	40.00
Witnesses (Court)	32.10
Filing Bill of Equity	481.00
	1,253.10

ELECTION & REGISTRATIONS:

Registrars	93.15
Election Officers	440.81
Post Warrant	20.00
Printing & Postage	289.75
Street Listing	240.00
Clerical	85.40
Janitor Service	12.00
	1,181.11

STATE CENSUS APPROPRIATION:

Wages	538.30
Postage	9.40
Clerical	32.20
	579.90

PLANNING BOARD:

Professional Services	153.60
Printing	37.50
Hearing Notices	31.93
	223.03

BOARD OF APPEALS:

Clerical	24.00
Office Supplies	15.78
Hearing Notices	2.75
	42.53

ZONING BY-LAW OFFICER:

Salary	300.00
Expense:	182.00

OLD TOWN HALL:

Janitor's Salary	224.16
Fuel	332.74
Repairs & Replacements	289.54
Janitor's Supplies	26.18
Lights	110.41
Painting Hall	235.00
	1,218.03

LAWRENCE MEMORIAL HALL:

Janitor's Salary	17.50
Lights	352.06
Janitor's Supplies	2.24
Repairing Mike, Amplifier & Record Player	30.00
Maintenance	14.50
Repair Chairs	64.97
Sanding & Finishing Vestibule	21.00
Fertilizer, Labor & Equipment for Garden	49.10
Wages, Town Employees	22.65
Point-up Steps	20.00
	594.02

TOWN GARAGE:

Lights	83.18
Phone	129.44
Fuel	581.70
Water	28.74
Fuel Storage Permit	.50
Repairs to Garage	876.68
Advertising	5.80
	1,706.04

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Association Dues	10.00
Office Supplies	49.15
Phone	188.34
Law	90.00
Radio Service	167.65
Equipment	54.50
Oil & Gas	1,626.70
Repairs to Cruiser	96.80
Repairs to Ambulance	22.87
Dry Cleaning	2.50
Camera, Film & Bulbs	24.68
Garage Rent	10.00
Red Cross First Aid Books	13.50
Food Supplies	14.28
Tires & Tubes	58.10
R. C. Gay, Express	2.90
Refill Oxygen Tanks	37.00
Coats & Badges	38.71
State Inspection	2.00
Court	515.00
Constable Wages	4,596.36
Mileage—All Officers	4.76
School Traffice Officers	1,047.00
All Other Officers	6,414.74
	15,087.54

NEW EMERGENCY AMBULANCE:

3,200.00

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Association Dues	13.00
Fire Engineering Magazine	10.00
Chief's Salary	600.00
Outdoor Permits	90.00
Maintenance	447.08
Burner Service & Fuel	379.32
Snow Removal	54.00
Radio Service	116.05
Boots, Badges, Coats & Gloves	68.14
New Equipment	97.55
New England Tel. & Tel. Co.	438.75
Massachusetts Electric	154.94
State Inspection	11.00
Oil & Gas	205.74
Repairs to Pumper & Trucks	375.65
Repair & Replace Equipment	665.48
Advertising	7.89
Fire Protection Material	30.71
Refreshments for Firefighters	27.18
	3,792.48

FIRE DEPARTMENT, NEW EQUIPMENT:

3,500.00

WATER STORAGE HOLES:

Wages	195.90
Hired Equipment	285.00
Material	42.82
Dry Hydrant	75.00
	598.72

HYDRANT SERVICE:

2,500.00

INSECT PEST CONTROL:

Wages	252.05
Spray	77.00
Equipment	366.00
	695.05

DUTCH ELM DISEASE:

Wages	690.30
Equipment	509.00
	1,199.30

TREE WARDEN:

Association Dues	12.00
Superintendent Wages	316.00
All Other Wages	624.65
Equipment	576.50
New Trees	170.00
	1,699.15

TREE SERVICE, UTILITIES:

246.00

FOREST FIRE ACCOUNT:

Wages	2,384.95

WIRE INSPECTOR:

Wages	300.00

SEALING OF WEIGHTS & MEASURES:

Wages	138.55
All Other	26.45
	165.00

PLUMBING & GAS INSPECTOR:

Wages	300.00

DOG OFFICER:

Fees	1,128.00
Expense:	
Advertising	.50
Mileage	25.84
Burying Dogs	41.00
Investigating Complaints	34.00
	101.34

CIVILIAN DEFENSE:

Director's Salary	300.00
Expense:	
Office Supplies	93.99
Maintenance	7.43
Radio	71.01
	172.43

BOARD OF HEALTH:

Salaries	350.00
Expenses:	
Association Dues	6.00
Attending Health Conferences	44.85
Agent's Salary	435.00
Agent's Expense	201.00
Animal Inspector, Salary	300.00
Meat Inspector, Salary	20.50
Printing, Postage, etc.	26.56
Clerical	91.00
Phone	6.37
Pest Control	12.00
Mileage	52.53
Medical Supplies	5.39
Premature	684.00
Repair Office Equipment	9.75
Chicken Wire	13.90
D.P.T.P. & Vaccination Clinics	504.30
Care of Bathhouses	244.40
	2,657.55

TOWN DUMP:

Caretaker's Wages	480.00
Bulldozing	588.00
Pest Control	132.00
	1,200.00

SEWER MAINTENANCE:

Commissioner's Salaries	500.00
Maintenance:	
Wages	698.25
Hired Equipment	120.90
Material	342.08
Clerical	9.80
Phone	.88
Postage	17.50
New Equipment	729.71
Mowing	41.25
Sewer Disposal	2,377.33
	4,337.70

INTERCEPTOR SEWER:

Material	52.88
Contractor	4,782.29
Barbed Wire	11.09
	4,846.26

HIGHWAYS, CHAPTER 81:

Wages	10,041.41
Insurance	651.97
Town Equipment	6,109.60
Material	9,977.91
Sweeping	1,012.00
Snow:	
Wages	1,477.20
Equipment	1,916.70
Salt	1,636.71
	32,823.50

HIGHWAYS, CHAPTER 90C:

Advertising Bids	24.25

HIGHWAYS, CHAPTER 90M:

Wages	1,744.76
Town Equipment	666.80
Hired Equipment	417.75
Material	4,170.55
	6,999.86

HIGHWAYS, CHAPTER 782, COLD SPRING ROAD:

Wages	77.60
Equipment	165.60
Material	370.30
Engineers	100.00
	713.50

HIGHWAYS, CHAPTER 782, DANIEL SQUARE:

Wages	110.80
Equipment	12.20
	123.00

HIGHWAYS, CHAPTER 822, EAST WALNUT STREET:

Wages	1,806.60
Town Equipment	412.40
Hired Equipment	2,163.50
Material	2,910.19
Removing Trees	520.00
Drafting & Surveying	624.30
	8,436.99

HIGHWAYS, STREETS:

Wages	1,603.50
Hired Equipment	40.00
Signs	58.60
Material	96.60
Waste Baskets	6.00
	1,804.70

HIGHWAYS, BRUSH CUTTING:

Wages	1,736.60
Equipment	763.25
	2,499.85

HIGHWAYS, BARDWELL STREET:

Wages	164.80
Equipment	341.50
Tree Removal & Excavating	646.95
Material	45.00
	1,198.25

HIGHWAYS, ESKETT ROAD:

Wages	531.60
Equipment	392.00
Material	276.00
	1,199.60

HIGHWAYS, GULF ROAD:

Wages	271.75
Equipment	571.00
Material	351.26
	1,194.01

HIGHWAYS, ORCHARD STREET:

Wages	235.35
Equipment	396.00
Material	568.13
	1,199.48

HIGHWAYS, RURAL ROAD:

Wages	350.70
Equipment	600.00
Material	249.30
	1,200.00

HIGHWAYS, WINTER EMPLOYMENT:

Wages	2,501.61
Hired Equipment	88.00
Material	407.93
Surveying	544.56
	3,442.10

HIGHWAYS, SHAW AVENUE:

Wages	168.80
Equipment	1,035.25
	1,204.05

HIGHWAYS, SOUTH WASHINGTON STREET:

Wages	185.60
Material	413.20
	598.80

HIGHWAYS, BRIDGES:

Wages	679.55
Lumber	309.64
Posts	43.95
Nails, Paint, etc.	23.54
Other Material	926.90
	1,983.58

HIGHWAYS, SIDEWALKS:

Wages	165.25
Material	6.40
Equipment	24.00
	195.65

HIGHWAYS, SNOW REMOVAL:

Wages	2,363.45
Hired Equipment	1,117.62
Sidewalks, Parking Lot	415.75
Material	15.86
Sand	1,144.78
Salt	4,312.76
Cutting Edges	269.06
	9,639.28

HIGHWAYS, ROAD MACHINERY EXPENSE

Association Dues	2.00
Wages	234.70
Repairs to Brockway	359.33
Repairs to Sander #1	268.49
Repairs to Sander #2	199.23
Repairs to Grader	1,162.83
Repairs to Ford #1	76.72
Repairs to Ford #2	363.20
Repairs to Ford #3	94.71
Repairs to Tractor-Loader	403.45
Repairs to Chevy Pick-up	97.45
Repairs to Dodge Truck	380.56
Repairs to Borrowed Roller	15.00
Stock	87.64
State Tax on Oil and License	37.00
State Inspection	8.00
Oil & Gas	116.61
Tires & Chains	57.75
Mobile Oil Co.	1,954.51
Paint for Equipment	18.30
Cutting Edges	59.69
Hand Tools & Hardware	152.36
Cleaning Burner	10.00
Road Service	7.00
Tools & Small Equipment	298.20
	6,464.73

HIGHWAYS, STREET LIGHTING:	7,839.28
BELCHERTOWN-GRANBY WELFARE DISTRICT:	1,819.22

BOARD OF WELFARE:

Salaries	675.00
Public Assistance	31,903.58

VETERANS' BENEFITS:

Agent's Salary	300.00
Ordinary Benefits	4,220.05
Fuel	292.25
Medication	605.04
Doctors	359.00
Dentists	7.00
Hospital	2,422.12
Expense	27.00
Ambulance	3.00
Office Supplies	20.78
Glasses	28.00
Clerical	12.50
Blue Cross-Blue Shield	55.00
Keys	.70
	8,052.44

FEDERAL GRANTS:

O.A.A.	13,146.77
M.A.A.	12,569.88
A.D.C.	7,903.15
D.A.	849.53
	34,469.33

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT, #1000:

School Committee Expense	386.74
Binders	8.28
Superintendent's Salary	10,850.00
Superintendent's Expense	1,418.20
Clerical Salary	7,160.25
Bid Advertising	21.62
	19,845.09

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT, #2000:

Teachers' Salaries	299,104.68
Substitutes Salaries	5,510.50
Clerical Salaries	6,124.13
Principal's Expenses	580.11
Teachers' Expense	600.88
Classroom Expense	13,295.67
Textbooks	7,935.42
Guidance	42.76
Dry Cleaning	245.20
Audio	184.17
Science Supplies	4.22
All Other	2,005.94
	335,633.68

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT, #3000:

Nurse's Salary	4,803.88
Substitutes Salary	210.00
School Physician's Salary	500.00
Nurse's Travel	500.00
Substitute's Travel	10.08
School Lunch Directors Salary	3,364.64
All Other Lunch Salary	2,455.36
Referees' Wages	3,800.50
Law	27.96
Uniforms	90.52
Fuel	14.45
Mental Health Association	125.00
Health	557.93
Police	80.00
Dry Cleaning	234.00
Senior Class Chaperones	200.00
All Other	10.80
Transportation	39,523.12
	56,508.24

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT, #4000:

Janitors' Salaries	31,024.03
Janitors' Supplies	14,044.68
Phone	212.31
Fuel	3,311.51
Utilities	5,997.01
Water	103.23
Rubbish Removal	522.50
Repairs & Replacements	18,447.12
Snow Removal	772.00
Express	2.90
	74,437.29

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT, #5000:

Registration Fees	6.00
Insurance	172.00
	178.00

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT, #7000:

Equipment	891.73

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT, #9000:

Transportation	1,016.20
Special Classes Transportation	1,078.80
Special Classes Tuition	900.00
Vocational Education, Transportation	5,266.40
Vocational Education, Tuition	13,950.48
	22,211.88

NEW JUNIOR-SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL:

Furnishings & Equipment	51,237.32
Wire Folding Doors	142.39
Public Law III	3,839.11
Architect	1,871.90
Contractor	58,681.82
Phone	4.55
Clerk of Works	693.00
Library	484.24
Building Committee	18.35
Dedication Day Services	74.00
Crystal Spring Bakery	30.24
Belchertown School Lunch	55.25
Construction of School	2,750.00
Sidewalks	299.10
Clerical	72.75
Advertising	49.70
Office Supplies	18.00
Express	5.55
	120,327.27

HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC FUND:	1,365.19
PUBLIC LAW 874:	1,277.75
PROJECT HEAD START:	4,581.00
SPECIAL ACCOUNT, TITLE III:	33,554.76

SCHOOL LUNCH:

Wages	16,848.25
Transportation of Food	262.50
Food	25,341.03
All Other	3,433.53
	45,885.31

CLAPP MEMORIAL LIBRARY:

Wages	2,293.02
Lights	152.93
Fuel	568.95
Books & Periodicals	1,623.31
Office Supplies	42.12
Insurance	334.60
Mileage	22.06
Phone	15.28
	5,052.27

PARSONS FIELD:

Wages	14.85
Lights	15.00
Mowing	112.00
Raking Field & Loader Operator	161.50
	303.35

TOWN COMMON:

Wages	53.60
Lights	20.20
Mowing & Raking	112.00
Boy Scouts	35.00
Lime & Fertilizer	91.50
	312.30

SUMMER RECREATION:

Swimming Instructor's Salary	200.00
Opening & Closing Gates	23.00
Wages	270.05
Lifeguard	200.00
Police Officer	62.00
Lights	11.50
Maintenance	6.88
Hired Equipment	130.00
Gravel & Fertilizer	174.00
Cinder Blocks	71.00
Food	14.87
Paper Dispenser	9.00
Sign	10.00
Raking	20.00
	1,202.35

MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES:	120.47
VETERAN'S DAY SERVICES:	57.00
CARE OF VETERANS' GRAVES:	120.00
INSURANCE:	12,618.84
TOWN CLOCK:	150.00
PRINTING TOWN REPORT	1,034.25
APPROPRIATION FOR RETIREMENT	8,913.85
UNPAID BILLS OF 1964	799.80
UNPAID BILLS OF 1963-1964	58.50
UNCLASSIFIED ACCOUNT	287.66

COUNTY SANITORIUM ASSESSMENT	4,618.66
COUNTY TAX	25,042.93
CEMETERY:	
Commissioners' Salaries	350.00
Expense:	
Wages	1,467.43
Opening & Filling Graves	203.00
Mowing	1.057.00
Snow Removal	21.00
Office Supplies	6.40
Fill	285.50
Grass Seed & Fertilizer	33.85
Grading & Loam	563.25
Trucking	84.30
Hired Equipment	164.00
Repairing Fence	137.55
Trim Shrubs	100.00
Terrace Construction	152.50
Sign—Rural Cemetery	45.00
Cement Floor in Tomb	30.00
Mount Hope Improvements	451.40
All Other	69.62
	4,871.80
INTEREST:	
1949 Sewer Loan	375.00
1952 School Loan	1,848.00
1952 School Loan	1,407.00
1963 Junior-Senior High Loan	28,055.00
Temporary Loans	1,660.00
1964 School Loan	1,860.00
Interceptor Sewer	104.00
	35,309.00
MATURING DEBT:	
General Debt	72,000.00
Temporary Loans	220,200.00
	292,200.00
TRUST FUNDS:	
Susan M. D. Bridgman Fund	3,491.21
Nellie E. Brown Cemetery Fund	30.00
Cemetery Perpetual Care	950.00
Susan M. D. Bridgman Income	422.80
Stabilization Fund	5,000.00
Walter Pratt, Private Trust Fund	72.00
	9,996.01
AGENCY:	
Sporting Licenses	2,435.50
Dog Licenses	1,788.25
	4,223.75
STATE RECREATION AREAS	2,536.53
MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAX	477.30
STATE ASSESSMENT SYSTEM	207.44
PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS:	
Federal Withholding	49,931.20
Retirement	5,101.09
State Withholding	7,171.87
Hospital Service	9,813.86
Group Life Insurance	1,744.62
	73,762.64
REFUNDS:	
Taxes	
Current Year	1,980.55
Previous Years	3,266.85
Motor Vehicle & Trailer Excise	5,528.86
Farm Animal	.75
	10,777.01
	$1,458,188.12
CASH ON HAND DECEMBER 31, 1965	286,207.18
	$1,744,395.30

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Department of Corporations and Taxation
Bureau of Accounts

January 26, 1966

Board of Selectmen
Belchertown, Massachusetts
Gentlemen:

This is to certify that the books and accounts of the town of Belchertown were audited by the Bureau of Accounts, Department of Corporations and Taxation, as of July 31, 1965, at which time they were found to be correct with all funds properly accounted for.

A detailed report of the audit will be forwarded as soon as possible.

Very truly yours,
(s) William Schwartz
Assistant Chief of Bureau

Town Meeting Warrants And Action Taken

WARRANT FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

March 1 and 8, 1965

Art. 1. To choose the following named officers by nomination: two (2) Almoners of the Whiting Street and the Mrs. Susan M. D. Bridgman Funds, each for one (1) year; one (1) trustee of the Calvin Bridgman Fund for three (3) years.

Art. 2. To hear reports of the Town and of any committees that may have been appointed by the town and act thereon.

Art. 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, a sum of money for Chapter 81 Highways, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 4. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate to the Clapp Memorial Library account the dog license refund of 1964 or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from unappropriated funds in the treasury, a sum of money for Chapter 90 Highway Construction, Program of 1965, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, a sum of money for Chapter 90 Maintenance, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 7. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Assessors, the Cemetery Commissioners, the Sewer Commissioners, and the Tree Warden to appoint themselves to work in their various departments for the ensuing year, at hourly rates not to exceed the following:

Assessors	$2.00 per hour
Cemetery Commissioners	1.75 per hour
Sewer Commissioners	2.00 per hour
Tree Warden	2.00 per hour

or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 8. To see if the Town will authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of revenue of the municipal year beginning January 1, 1965, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, of the General Laws, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 9. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Insurance Reserve Account a sum of money to the Insurance Account, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to the Road Machinery Expense Account, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 11. To see if the Town will vote to provements of the following streets, all public ury a sum of money for use by the Assessors to reduce the tax rate, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums of money for bills incurred in 1964, or take any action relative thereto.

Albalene Pest Control Service	$12.00
Mobil Oil Company	117.00
Albert W. Brown	268.00

Art. 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate such sums of money as shall be deemed necessary to defray the expenses listed in the Finance Committee report for the current fiscal year, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for im- appropriate from available funds in the treas- ways:

Eskett Road
So. Washington St.
Gulf Road
Rural Road
Shaw Avenue
Orchard Road
Bardwell Street

or take any action thereto.

Art. 15. To see if the Town will vote to accept an additional 1500 feet of Shea Avenue or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 16. To see if the Town will vote to continue surfacing Shea Avenue with permanent type construction, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the installation of two (2) 3000 Lumen Lamps on Sargent treet on Poles 20¼ and 20½, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 18 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money adequate to widen East Street sufficiently to permit two-way traffic between Route 9 and Cold Spring Road or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 19. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the sale of Cemetery Lots Fund a sum of money for the improvement and maintenance of Mt. Hope Cemetery, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 20. To see if the Town will vote to accept the following Zoning By-Law Amendment:

IV-E Prohibited Uses.

4. Bill board or sign over 100 sq. feet in area on which the principal product or service advertised is not regularly produced or available on the premises

or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 21. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following resolution:

Whereas the General Court sitting as a Constitutional Convention, did on July 16, 1963, give initial approval to a Home Rule amendment, to the state Constitution, and

Whereas this bill of rights for local government requires a second approval by the members of the General Court during this legislative session, and

Whereas, we, as members of this Town Meeting, feel competant to handle the affairs of our town without strict supervision by the Commonwealth of our every act and deed.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that this town meeting hereby instructs its representatives to the General Court to vote in favor of the Home Rule proposal (II 1384 of 1963 as revised) when it comes before them.

or, take any other action relative thereto.

Art. 22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purchase of a cab and chassis and other equipment for the Fire Department to replace the present 1936 Ford Emergency Truck or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 23. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to set a rate schedule for services rendered by the Town Emergency Vehicle or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 24. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from unappropriated available funds a sum of money, and that said sum shall be added to and become a part of the Stabilization Fund, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 25. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning By-Laws by deleting from the Agricultural District and including the same in the Business District that parcel of land belonging to Fred and Bertha Townsend situated on the Easterly side of Turkey Hill Road and described in deed of Clarence E. Robinson et ux dated June, 1957, and recorded with Hampshire County Registry of Deeds, Books 1249, Page 107, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 26. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to install three (3) 7,000 Lumen Lamps and one (1) 21,000 Lumen Lamp at poles located on the new High School grounds or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 27. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to increase street lighting on poles 1 and 5 on Main Street to 7,000 Lumens per lamp or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 28. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Action taken at annual town meeting Mar. 8, 1965

Moderator, Charles W. Jackson

Meeting called to order at 7:30 P. M.

Voters present 126 (Quorum required, 25)

Invocation by Rev. Marvin R. Green

By direction of the Moderator the Town Clerk read the Warrant and the return of same by the constable.

Art. 1. Elected Mrs. Sophia Pero and Mrs. Ruth B. Fuller as Almoners of the Whiting Street and the Susan M. D. Bridgman Funds, each for one year; Mr. Lewis H. Blackmer as trustee of the Calvin Bridgman Fund for three years. (Vote—Yes unanimous)

Art. 2. Voted to accept the reports of the officers of the town and of any committee that in the town report with the exception of the Finance Committee and in addition hereto the following resolution:

Lewis H. Blackmer — Printer, Founder, Editor and Publisher

Belchertown Sentinel, 1915-1965

For fifty years this community, its people and its organizations, have been served by a friendly and helpful newspaper which has contributed immeasurably to the progress and well-being of the town.

The Sentinel is "our paper". Its 2600 issues have given the story of Belchertown to its citizens, to its sons and daughters far and near, and to its friends.

For the entire half century one man has been editor and publisher. Lewis H. Blackmer has been the head, the hands, and the heart of the Sentinel since its birth.

In sincere appreciation for the unselfish service, far beyond the ordinary call of duty, rendered it by Mr. Blackmer through the Sentinel, the Town of Belchertown meeting assembled on the eighth day of March, 1965, hereby resolves publicly to express its gratitude, to wish Mr. Blackmer much happiness during this, the Golden Anniversary of his paper, as well as may have been appointed by the town as printed through the years ahead, and to cause this resolution to be inscribed in the Records of the Town. (Vote—Yes unanimous)

Art. 3. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $4,500.00 and to transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury the sum of $28,325.00 for Chapter 81 highways. (Vote—Yes unanimous)

Art. 4. Voted to appropriate to the Clapp Memorial Library Account the balance of $546.31 of the Dog License refund of 1964 after damages are paid. (Vote—Yes unanimous)

Art. 5. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $6,000.00 and to transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury the sum of $18,000.00 for Chapter 90 highways construction, program for 1965. (Vote—Yes unanimous)

Art. 6. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $1,000.00 and transfer from unappropriated funds in the treasury the sum of $6,000.00 for Chapter 90 maintenance. (Vote—Yes unanimous.

Art. 7. Voted to authorize the Assessors, the Cemetery Commissioners, the Sewer Commissioners, and the Tree Warden to appoint themselves to work in the various departments for the ensuing year, not to exceed the following hourly rates:

Assessors	$2.00 per hour
Cemetery Commissioners	$2.00 per hour
Sewer Commissioners	$2.00 per hour
Tree Warden	$2.00 per hour

Art. 8. Voted to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of revenue of the municipal year beginning January 1, 1965, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, General Laws. (Vote—Yes unanimous)

Art. 9 Voted to appropriate from the Insurance Reserve Account the sum of $859.10 to the Insurance Account.

Art. 10. Voted to raise and appropriate the the sum of $6,000.00 to the Road Machinery Expense Account. (Vote—Yes unanimous)

Art. 11. Voted to appropriate from available funds in the treasury the sum of $30,000.00 for use by the Assessors to reduce the Tax Rate. (Vote—Yes unanimous)

Art. 12. Voted to raise and appropriate the following sums of money for bills incurred in 1964.

Abalene Pest Control Service	$12.00
Mobil Oil Company	$117.00
Albert W. Brown	$268.00

Art. 13. Voted to fix the salaries and compensation of all elected officers of the town as provided for by Section 108 of Chapter 41 of the General Laws, as amended; and to raise and appropriate, or appropriate from available funds monies for departmental and incidental expenses of the town for the ensuing year, and that the various major categories of the budget as contained in the Finance Committee's report. be separately considered and acted upon, and further that these sums of money granted and appropriated for the several and specific purposes therein designated be expended only for these purposes, as specifically designated under the direction of the respective officers, boards and committees of the town. (Vote—Yes unanimous)

(See separate sheet for itemized appropriations)

Art. 14. Voted to raise and appropriate the following sums of money for improvements of the following streets, all public ways.

Eskett Road	$1,200.00
Gulf Road	$1,200.00
Rural Road	$1,200.00
Orchard Road	$1,200.00
Bardwell Street	$1,200.00
Shaw Avenue	$1,200.00
(Vote, Yes Unanimous) Total	$7,800.00

Art. 15. Voted not to accept. (Vote, No majority)

Art. 16. Voted to take no action. (Vote, Yes majority)

Art. 17. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $80.00 for the installation of two (2) 3000 Lumen Lamps on Sargent Street on poles 20¼ and 20½. (Vote, Yes unanimous)

Art. 18. Voted negative on amended motion. (Vote, Yes 54, No 64)

Art. 20. Voted that the Zoning By-Laws be amended by adding to Section IV-E, Prohibited Uses, the following sub-section:

4. Bill board or sign over 100 square feet in area on which the principal product or service advertised is not regularly produced or available on the premises. (Vote, Yes 117, No 1)

Art. 21. Voted to adopt the following Resolution:

(See full text of Warrant on previous page) (Vote, Unanimous Yes)

Art. 22. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $3,500.00 for the purchase of a cab and chassis and other equipment for the Fire Department to replace the present 1936 Ford emergency truck. (Vote, Yes Unanimous)

Art. 23. Voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to set a rate schedule for services rendered by the Town Emergency Vehicle. (Vote, Yes Unanimous)

Art. 24. Voted to transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury the sum of $5,000.00 and that said sum shall be added to and become part of the Stabilization Fund. (Vote, Yes Unanimous)

Art. 25. Voted to take no action. (Vote, Yes Unanimous)

Art. 26. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $235.00 to install three (3) 7000 Lumen lamps at poles located on the new High School grounds. (Vote, Yes Unanimous)

Art. 27. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $200.00 to increase street lighting on poles 1, 2X, 3 and 4 on Main Street, and pole 1 on Jabish Street to 7000 Lumens per lamp. (Vote, Unanimous Yes)

Art. 28. Voted to dissolve the meeting at 9.47 p.m.

WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

February 1, 1965

Art. 1. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds, the following sums of money for bills incurred in 1964 or take any action relative thereto.

Registrar of Deeds	$52.80
Paul Ford, Law	350.00

Art. 2. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to be used to defray the cost of taking the 1965 State Census or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 3. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Action Taken

Moderator, Byron H. Hudson

Meeting called to order at 7.34 p.m.

Voters present, 28 (Quorum required, 25)

Art. 1. Voted to appropriate from available funds the sum of $52.80 to defray expenses of the Board of Assessors and the sum of $350.00 to defray expenses of the law account both of which are bills of the year 1964. (Vote, Yes Unanimous)

Art. 2. Voted to appropriate from available funds the sum of $800.00 to defray the cost of the 1965 State Census taking. (Vote, Yes Unanimous)

Art. 3. Voted to adjourn at 7.39 p.m.

Appropriated from available funds

Art. 1.	$402.80
Art. 2.	800.00
	$1,202.80

Attest: Robert D. Camp, Sr.
Town Clerk

WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

June 14, 1965

Art. 1. To see if the town will authorize and direct the Board of Selectmen to acquire by purchase or eminent domain certain portions of land, and to obtain cut and slope easments along portions of Stebbins Street for the purpose of Chapter 90 Highway Construction, or take any other action relative thereto.

Art. 2. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for bills incurred in 1963 and 1964 or take any other action relative thereto.

Art. 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the Law Account or take any other action relative thereto.

Art. 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the forest fire account for the balance of the year or take any other action relative thereto.

Art. 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for Veterans' Benefits for the balance of the year or take any other action relative thereto.

Art. 6. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from available funds in the treasury to the Clapp Memorial Library the following sum of money which has been received by the Town from the Commonwealth for library purposes, for the year 1965, the sum of $1,296.50 or take any other action relative thereto.

Art. 7. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Action Taken

Moderator, Charles W. Jackson
Meeting called to order at 7.39 p.m.
Voters present, 26 (Quorum required, 25)

Art. 1. Voted to authorize and direct the Board of Selectmen to acquire by purchase or eminent domain certain portions of land, and to obtain cut and slope easements along portions of Stebbins Street for the purpose of Chapter 90 construction. (Vote, Yes Unanimous)

Art. 2. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $32.50 for Morse & Morse, Attorneys for legal services incurred in 1963 and the sum of $26.00 for Melvin Andrews for his services as Slaughtering Inspector for the year 1964. (Vote, Yes Unanimous)

Art. 3. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $481.00 for legal expenses incurred for enforcing the Zoning By-Laws. (Vote, Yes Unanimous)

Art. 4. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $1,200.00 to the Forest Fire Account. (Vote, Yes Unanimous)

Art. 5. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $3,700.00 for the Veterans' Benefits for the balance of the year. (Vote, Yes Unanimous)

Art. 6. Voted to appropriate from available funds in the treasury to the Clapp Memorial Library the sum of $1,296.50 which has been received by the Town from the Commonwealth for library purposes for the year 1965. (Vote, Yes Unanimous)

Art. 7. Voted to dissolve the meeting at 7.47 p.m.

Raised & appropriated	
Art. 2.	$58.50
Art. 3.	481.00
Art. 4.	1,200.00
Art. 5.	3,700.00
	$5,439.50
Appropriated from avbl. funds	
Art. 7.	$1,296.50

Attest: Robert D. Camp, Sr.
Town Clerk

WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

August 16, 1965

Art. 1. To see if the Town will authorize the School Committee to sell or otherwise dispose of certain items of equipment and furniture, or take and action relative thereto.

Art. 2. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds, a sum of money for the installation of 1000 Lumen Lights at the following locations:

> Pole 1, Chadbourne Street; Pole 26, North Main Street; Pole 2, Lloyd Avenue; Pole 8, River Street; and Pole 11, East Walnut Street

or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purchase of a Town Emergency Ambulance or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds in the treasury, a sum of money for the permanent construction of East Walnut Street or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 5. To see if the Town will vote to rezone from Residential to Business, a portion of property owned by Joseph Chadbourne along Sargent Street, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 6. To see if the Town will vote to rezone from Residential to Business a portion of property owned by Edmund Wallace at the junction of North Main Street and Sargent Street or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 7. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning By-Law to include the following section:

> IV-A, 2, f—"New apartment building construction or conversion of existing dwelling to multiple family use provided that the Planning Board shall find and certify to the Board of Appeals that such structures, including the site plans and building design, constitute a desirable development in that area; and provided that the Board of Appeals, after notice and public hearing, shall find and rule that such structures will not be injurious or detrimental to the neighborhood; and subject further to the following conditions, that such structure shall not exceed 2½ stories nor be more than 30 feet in height, that no living quarters shall be located below the first floor or above the second floor, that there must be available a lot area of at least 40,000 square feet for the first unit and additional space of at least 4,000 square feet for each additional dwelling unit. However, further additional land may be required subject to the decision of the Board of Health. In all cases the Board of Health must attest in writing to the Board of Appeals the adequacy of the proposed sewage system for the number of families to be housed. Such report shall be rendered prior to any decision by the Board of Appeals. Parking shall be provided at the rate of two parking spaces per dwelling unit."

Art. 8. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

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Action Taken

Moderator, Charles W. Jackson
Meeting opened at 7.37 P. M.
Voters present, 37 (Quorum required, 25)

Art. 1. Voted to authorize the School Committee to sell or otherwise dispose of certain items of equipment and furniture. (Vote, Yes Unanimous)

Art. 2. Voted to transfer from available funds the sum of $100.00 for the installation of 1000 Lumen Lights at the following locations:

Pole 1, Chadbourne Street; Pole 26, North Main Street; Pole 2, Lloyd Avenue; Pole 8, River Street; Pole 11, East Walnut Street.

(Vote, Yes Unanimous)

Art. 3. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $2,700.00 and further to authorize the town to accept the sum of $500.00 from the Police Association with said $500.00 to be appropriated toward the purchase of a Town Emergency Ambulance. Vote, Yes Unanimous)

Art. 4. Voted to transfer from available funds in the treasury the sum of $12,000.00 for the permanent construction of East Walnut Street. (Vote, Yes Unanimous)

Art. 5. Voted to amend the Zoning Map as shown. Map on display at meeting. Two-thirds vote required. (Vote, Yes Unanimous)

Art. 6. Rejected. Two-thirds vote required. (Vote, Yes 12, No 11)

Art. 7. Voted to amend the Zoning By-Law by adding to Section IV-A, Residential Districts, the subsection as shown in Warrant for this special town meeting. (See preceeding warrant) Two-thirds vote required. (Vote, Yes 29, No 5)

Appropriations

Art. 3	Raised	$2,700.00
Art. 2	Available	100.00
Art. 3	Available	500.00
Art. 4	Available	12,000.00
Total Available		$12,600.00

Attest: Robert D. Camp, Sr.
Town Clerk

Appropriations and Transfers as voted by the town meeting held March 8, 1965

Art. No.	Account, proj. or dept.	Rais. & Appr.	Fm. Avbl. Funds
1	None		
2	None		
3	High., Ch. 81	$4,500.00	$28,325.00
4	Clapp Mem. Lib. Acct.		546.31
5	Highways, Ch. 90 C.	6,000.00	18,000.00
6	Highways, Ch. 90 M.	1,000.00	6,000.00
7	None		
8	None		
9	Insurance Account		859.10
10	Road Mach. Exp. Acct.	6,000.00	
11	Assessors for tax rate red.		30,000.00
12	Bill of 1964, payment of	397.00	
13	Itemized		
Item	**(Art. 13)**		
1	Moderator Exp.	25.00	
2	Finance Comm. Exp.	90.00	
3	Selectmen salaries		
	Chairman	575.00	
	4 other, $500 ea.	2,000.00	
	Selectmen exp.	1,200.00	
3a	Zoning By-Law officer		
	Salary	300.00	
	Expenses	100.00	
4	Town Accountant		
	Salary	1,300.00	
	Expenses	240.00	
5	Treasurer		
	Salary	2,200.00	
	Expenses	1,300.00	
6	Clerk		
	Salary	1,000.00	
	Expenses	705.00	
7	Collector		
	Salary	2,300.00	
	Expenses	2,315.00	
8	Assessors		
	Salaries		
	Chairman	600.00	
	2 others at $500 ea.	1,000.00	
	Expenses and wages	3,100.00	
9	Law expenses	800.00	
10	Elections & registration	900.00	
11	Planning Board exp.	800.00	
12	Municipal buildings		
	Old Town Hall	1,250.00	
	Lawrence Mem. Hall	1,200.00	
	Town Garage	4,100.00	
13	Police	14,836.00	
14	Fire	3,800.00	
15	Forest Fires	1,200.00	
16	Hydrant Service	2,500.00	
17	Sealer of w. & m.	165.00	
18	Inspector of Wiring	300.00	
18a	Plumbing & Gas Insp.	300.00	
19	Civil Defense		
	Salary	300.00	
	Expenses	150.00	

20	Water Stor. Holes (Fire)	500.00
21	Tree Services	
	Utility Co. Supervision	350.00
	Tree Warden	
	Wages and expenses	1,700.00
	Insect Pest Control	700.00
	Dutch Elm Disease	1,200.00
22	Board of Appeals	50.00
23	Dog Officer expenses	270.00
24	Board of Health	
	Salary	
	Chairman	150.00
	2 others at $100 ea.	200.00
	Expenses	2,057.00
25.	Sewer Commissioners	
	Salary	
	Chairman	200.00
	2 others at $150 ea.	300.00
	Expenses	4,400.00
26	Town Dump	1,204.00
27	Highways, General	7,300.00
28	Bridges	2,000.00
29	Snow removal	10,000.00
30	Sidewalks, maintenance	200.00
31	Street Lights	7,552.00
32	Board of Public Welfare	
	Salaries	
	Chairman	175.00
	4 others at $125.00	500.00
	Public Assistance	42,350.00
	Bel.-Granby Wel. Dist.	702.59
	Bel.-Granby Wel. Dist.—	
	Transferred from:	
	Old Age As. Fed. G. Adm.	705.90
	Med. As. Aged Fed. G. A.	192.31
	Aid Depend. Chil. F. G. A.	91.59
	Disability Assis. F. G.A.	126.83
33	Veterans' Agent	
	Salary	300.00
	Benefits & expenses	4,000.00
34	Schools	
	Administration	19,905.00
	Instruction	341,470.00
	Other school services	57,924.00
	Operation & mainten.	85,695.00
	Fixed charges	200.00
	Acquisition of fixed charges	920.00
	Programs with other school systems	28 395.00
35	Clapp Mem. Library	3,500.00
36	Parsons Memorial Field	350.00
37	Town Common	350.00
38	Summer rec. & beach	1,200.00
39	Cemeteries	
	Commissioners salaries	
	Chairman	150.00
	2 others at $100 ea.	200.00
	General Care Exp.	5,430.00
	Soldiers' graves exp.	200.00
40	Pensions Hampshire County Retirement System	8,913.85
41	Insurance, General	13,313.14
	Gp. Health Ins. (emp.)	4,497.12
	Gp. Life Ins. (employ.)	987.72
42	Unclassified	
	Memorial Day Services	200.00
	Veterans' Day Services	60.00
	Town Clock	150.00
	Town Rpt., F. Com. Rpt.	1,000.00
	Reserve Fund	5,000.00
	Miscellaneous	300.00
43	Maturing Debt	
	1949 Sewer Loan	2,000.00
	1964 Sewer Loan	5,200.00
	1952 School Loan	20,000.00
	1963 School Loan	50,000.00
	1964 School Loan	15,000.00
	Interest due 1965	
	1949 Sewer Loan	375.00
	1964 Sewer Loan	104.00
	1952 School Loan	3,255.00
	1963 School Loan	27,280.00
	1964 School Loan	1,860.00
	Interest for temporary notes of 1965	2,000.00

Contin. with the Articles

14	Roads, Streets & Ave.	$7,800.00	
15	None		
16	None		
17	Instal. of ad. st. lts.	80.00	
18			
19	Improve. of Mt. Hope Cem.		420.00
20	None		
21	None		
22	Cab chassis & other equip. for Fire Dept.	3,500.00	
23	None		
24	Stabilization Fund		5,000.00
25	None		
26	Install. of st. lts. at school	235.00	
27	Install. of add. st. lts Main and Jabish	200.00	
28	Meeting dissolved.		
		$878,408.42	$90,267.04

Total raised and appropriated—$878,408.42

Appropriated from avbl. funds—$90,267.04

Grand Total **$968,675.46**

1965 TOWN ELECTION RESULTS

	Prec. A	B	Total
Moderator			
Richard O. Clark	446	119	565
*Charles W. Jackson	603	58	661
Town Clerk			
*Robert D. Camp, Sr.	961	163	1124
Selectman (2)			
*Frank Farrington, Jr.	484	49	533
Earl F. Henrichon	336	63	399
James V. Gagne	260	22	282
Arthur J. Moriarty	172	134	306
*William Gerry Whitlock	591	48	639
John J. Cyran	20	4	24
Tax and Town Collector			
*Robert D. Camp, Sr.	959	165	1124
Assessor			
*Doris S. Squires	643	84	727
Peter M. Dearness	416	86	502
School Committee			
*Phyllis W. Flaherty	593	138	731
Betty Jean Jackson	461	43	504
Sewer Commissioner			
*D. Donald Hazen	701	77	778
Samuel J. Joyal	362	99	461
Board of Health			
*Charlotte P. Ketchen	921	139	1060
Planning Board			
*Raymond V. Burke	915	131	1046
Tree Warden			
*Albert W. Brown	957	157	1114
Cemetery Commissioner, 3 yrs.			
*Edmond A. Blaine	495	123	618
Carl E. Pease	509	43	552
Cemetery Commissioner, 1 yr.			
*Sidney T. Wheble, Jr.	900	126	1026
Constable (5)			
*Adam L. Antonovitch	574	122	696
*Ernest M. Gay	749	104	853
*Francis P. Loftus, Sr.	604	111	715
*Andrew T. Sears	647	82	729
*Herbert E. Squires	783	100	883
Robert G. Anderson	354	23	377
Edward S. Czech	217	116	333
Chester F. Dzwonkowski, Sr.	279	55	334
Elmer M. Potter	217	37	254
John H. Reed	270	27	297

Total Ballots cast—Precinct A, 1088; P. B., 194; total, 1282

Registered Voters at close of registration on February 9, 1965 at 10 p.m.:

	Men	Women	Total
Precinct A	8000	823	1623
Precinct B	169	162	331
	969	985	1954

Registered by Party Designation

Republican	233	23	225	18
Democrat	149	44	141	45
Independents	418	102	457	99
Totals	800	169	823	162

Total, Prec. A and B—1954

Attest: Robert D. Camp, Sr.
Town Clerk

General Interest

FACTS ABOUT BELCHERTOWN

Settled—1731

Incorporated—1763

Form of Government—Town Meeting

Population (1965) —5,758, inc. 1,522 at B.S.S.

Registered Voters—1954

Tax Rate—$39.00

Real Estate Valuation—$14,475,470.00

School Population—1,087

Schools—Junior-Senior High School, Cold Spring, Center, Memorial, and Franklin.

Churches—Catholic, St. Adalbert's, St. Francis; Congregational, Congregational Church In Belchertown; Methodist, Belchertown Methodist Church; and Dwight Chapel.

Land Area—56.7 square miles

Water Area—1,859.8 acres

Road Mileage, not inc. state highways—104.34

Highest Elevation—1,108 East Hill at Pelham line. Other major elevations—West Hill 1,070; Jukett Hill 1,070; Turkey Hill 744

Major Bodies of Water—Quabbin Reservoir, Lake Metacomet, Arcadia, Holland and Knight's Reservoir.

Major Streams—Swift River, Jabish Brook, Broad Brook, Lampson, Bachelor, Hop, Scarboro, and Roaring Brook.

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BELCHERTOWN

ANNUAL REPORT

1966

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For the year ending December 31, 1966

Instead of making the Good Citizenship Award to one person, the Board of Selectmen have dedicated the cover of this Town Report to the young people who are serving, or have served, in Viet Nam, in recognition of their sacrifices and their personal danger. They are worthy of much more than this small tribute.

With malice toward none, with charity for all, with firmness in the right as God gives us to see the right, let us strive on to finish the work we are in; to bind up the nation's wounds, to care for him who shall have borne the battle, and for his widow and his orphans, to do all which may achieve and cherish a just and lasting peace among ourselves and with all nations.

—Abraham Lincoln

In the long history of the world, only a few generations have been granted the role of defending freedom in its hour of maximum danger. I do not shrink from this responsibility—I welcome it. I do not believe that any of us would exchange places with any other people or any other generation. The energy, the faith, the devotion which we bring to this endeavor will light our country and all who serve it—and the glow from that fire can truly light the world.

And so, my fellow Americans: ask not what your country can do for you—ask what you can do for your country.

—John F. Kennedy

It is only fitting that we should close this tribute with a re-dedication to our own ideals through a poem written by a Belchertown-born man who achieved a large measure of reknown:

THE DAY'S DEMAND

God give us men! A time like this demands
Strong minds, great hearts, true faith, and ready hands;
Men whom the lust of office does not kill;
Men whom the spoils of office cannot buy;
Men who possess opinions and a will;
Men who have honor; Men who will not lie;
Men who can stand before a demagogue
And damn his treacherous flatteries without winging;
Tall men, sun crowned, who live above the fog
In public duty and in private thinking;
For while the rabble with their thumb-worn creeds;
Their large profession and their little deeds
Mingle in selfish strife, lo! Freedom weeps,
Wrong rules the land, and waiting Justice sleeps.

—Josiah Gilbert Holland

TOWN OF BELCHERTOWN

MASSACHUSETTS

ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1966

TOWN OFFICERS 1966

ELECTED OFFICERS—1966

Name	Term Exp.

Moderator

Charles W. Jackson	1967

Town Clerk

Robert D. Camp, Sr.	1967

Selectmen and Welfare Board

Michael S. Mathras	1967
William H. Squires, Jr.	1967
W. Gerry Whitlock	1968
Frank E. Farrington, Jr.	1968
Francis P. Loftus	1969

Treasurer

Robert D. Camp, Sr.	1967

Tax and Town Collector

Robert D. Camp, Sr.	1968

School Committee

Harold W. Willey	1967
David A. Staples	1967
Phyllis W. Flaherty	1968
Lloyd C. Chadbourne, Jr.	1969
Robert J. Donovan	1969

Planning Board

Donald S. Cole	1967
James F. Hayward	1968
William H. Henneman, Jr.	1969
Raymond V. Burke	1970
Sidney W. Wheeler	1971

Cemetery Commissioner

Roy P. Reece, Jr.	1967
Edmond A. Blaine	1968
Edward L. Fuller	1969

Assessor

Harold B. Ketchen	1967
Doris S. Squires	1968
William F. Kimball, Jr.	1969

Sewer Commissioner

Harry L. Brougham	1967
D. Donald Hazen	1968
Frederick E. Lincoln	1969

Tree Warden

Albert W. Brown	1967

Board of Health

Kenneth L. Collard, M.D.	1967
Charlotte P. Ketchen, R.N.	1968
James A. Bonafini, Sr.	1969

Constables

Adam L. Antonovitch	1968
Ernest M. Gay	1968
Francis P. Loftus	1968
Andrew T. Sears	1968
Herbert E. Squires	1968

Trustee, C. D. Bridgman Fund

D. Donald Hazen	1967
George A. Poole	1969
Lewis H. Blackmer	Deceased

Almoner Whiting Street and Susan M. D. Bridgman Funds

Sophia M. Pero	1967
Ruth B. Fuller	1967

APPOINTED OFFICERS—1966

Town Accountant

Fanny G. Morey	Resigned 4-1-66

Assistant Town Clerk

Margaret S. Kirby (Bonded)	1967
Pauline C. Johnson	12-1-67

Assistant Town Treasurer

Margaret S. Kirby (Bonded)	7-16-67

Deputy Collector

Margaret S. Kirby (Office-Bonded)	12-31-67
Oren K. Gilbert	12-31-67

Finance Committee

Kenneth Main	1967
Roger Archambault	Resigned
Stanley F. Rhodes	1967
Chester Pinkos	Resigned
Richard D. Kimball	1968
Kenneth Thayer	1968
Frederick E. Panzer	1969

Registrar of Voters

Rose A. Joyal	1967
Roy G. Shaw	Resigned
Doris Dickinson	1968
Laurina H. Brighenti	1969

Appeals Board

Donald Perham	1967
Henry Renouf	1968
Walter Carmody	1968

Appeals Board (Associate)

Charles F. Howard	1967
Joseph Tolpa	1968

Chief of Police

Ernest M. Gay	1967

Deputy Chief of Police

Andrew T. Sears	1967

Fire Chief and Forest Warden

Louis E. Fuller	1967

Superintendent of Streets

Joseph A. Kulig	1967

Sealer of Weights and Measures

Royal K. Gay	1967

Veterans' Agent

Earl F. Henrichon	1967

Local Superintendent of Insect Pest Control

Albert W. Brown	1967

Dog Officer

Wallace F. Chevalier	1967

Dog Officer (Interim)

Roberta Chevalier	1967

Inspector of Wiring

Walter J. Henry	1967

Inspector of Gas and Plumbing

Delmore Lajeunesse	1967

Town Counsel

Paul T. Ford	1967

Zoning By-Law Enforcement Officer

John H. Reed	1967

Director of Civil Defense

Jack Hulmes, Jr.	Resigned
John H. Reed	1967

Fence Viewer and Field Driver

Harry L. Brougham	1967
A. Preston Atwood	1967

Veterans' Graves Officer

Milton Butler	1967

Public Weighers

Walter Tolpa, Jr.	1967
Eleanor Tolpa	1967
Joseph Tolpa	1967
Rudolph Smola	1967
Leo Small	1967
Thaddeus Bodzinski	1967
Robert G. Anderson	1967

Police Officers

Ernest M. Gay	1967
Andrew T. Sears	1967
Herbert E. Squires	1967
Robert G. Anderson	1967
Edward Czech	1967
Charles F. Howard	1967
Elmer M. Potter	1967
Lester Beaudoin	1967
Randolph H. Brown	1967
Merton L. Pratt	1967
John H. Reed	1967
A. Preston Atwood	1967
Elizabeth Thorndike (Mrs.)	1967
Thomas C. Kubacki	1967
Julius J. Matusko	1967
Robert J. Dubuque	1967

Special Police Officers

School Traffic

Stanley DeMoss	1967
Joan Hall	1967
William F. Kimball, Jr.	1967

State School

Lawrence P. Bowser, M.D.	1967
Francis J. Longtine	1967

Swift River Sportsmans Club

Ralph Goodreau	1967
Claude Clark	1967
Carl Zobka	1967

Conservation and Dev. Corp. and Renouf Properties

Henry Renouf	1967

Belchertown Fair

Stanley Antonovitch	1966
Nelson J. Hill	1966
Isaac A. Hodgen	1966

Traffic Control Route 9

Lawrence P. Bowser, Jr.	Duration
Kenneth Hodge	Duration
Harry Plant	Duration
Robert Thorndike	Duration
Dexter Main	Duration
Vernon Berger	Duration

Conservation Commission

Mrs. Freda Jackson	1967
Mrs. Eleanor Bartlett	1967
Henry Renouf	1967
Loren Glazier	1967
Sherman Gould	1967
E. Holland Low	1967
Donald Towne	1967
Lionel Buzzard	1967
Albert W. Brown	1967
Richard Cook	1967

Associate Members

John Fletcher	1967
Albert Brighenti	1967

COMMITTEES

Town Beach

Francis P. Loftus, Sr.	1967
Donald S. Cole	1967
Muriel A. Whitlock	1967
Ralph Pittsley	1967
Susan Panzer	1967
Arlene M. McCrea	1967
Virginia M. Hislop	1967

Summer Recreation

Francis P. Loftus, Sr.	1967
Lloyd C. Chadbourne, Jr.	1967
Richard Clark	1967

War Memorial

Isaac A. Hodgen William H. Squires, Jr.
Frederick E. Lincoln Roy F. Whidden
Lewis H. Blackmer (Deceased)

Jr.-Sr. High School Construction

Isaac A. Hodgen, Chm. John V. Nelson, Sec.
Walter L. Papp David A. Staples
Clifford E. Holt Vacancy
Ex officio, John B. Curry, Jr., Supt. of Schools

Town Hall

Frank E. Farrington, Jr. George Foster
Vacancy

Community Action

Mrs. Ann Austin Mrs. A. Juskalian
Mrs. Gould Ketchen Mrs. Walter L. Papp
Mrs. R. S. Valliere Mrs. Lena N. Wilson
Mrs. James Davin Mr. Belding F. Jackson
Charles W. Jackson Harold W. Willey
W. Gerry Whitlock Sidney Wheeler
David A. Staples Richard D. Pratt
Milton R. Locke Robert B. Howell

Vocational Regional School Dist. Planning

Gould Ketchen David A. Staples
Rev. Elvert F. Miller

Municipal Building

John C. Carr Peter M. Dearness
Mrs. Rachel Farrington Walter L. Papp
Carl J. Peterson

School Needs

Harvey M. Dickinson Mrs. Betty Jean Jackson
Mrs. Eileen Locke E. Holland Low
Michael F. Oberly

Board of Health Organization

Kenneth L. Collard, M.D.	Chairman
Charlotte P. Ketchen, R.N.	Clerk
James A. Bonafini	Member
Lewis Austin	Inspector of Animals
John A. Brickett, R.A.	Agent Sanitarian
Adam Antonovitch	Inspector of Slaughtering
Doris S. Squires	Report Clerk
Lawrence Bowser, M.D.	Special Agent, B.S.S.

Member List—Belchertown Fire Department

Louis E. Fuller, Chief

Carl J. Peterson	Deputy Chief
William Squires	Deputy Chief

Isaac Hodgen, Captain

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Lieutenants

Donald Bock Sherman Gould Raymond Menard

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Members

Elwyn Bock, Lawrence Bowser, Harry Brougham, Joseph Chadbourne, Albert Dewhurst, Edward L. Fuller, Edward Gates, Royal Gay, Ernest M. Gay, Hubert Greene, Nelson Hill, Irving Hislop, David Hodgen, Hugh Hubbard, Jr., Samuel Joyal, Joseph Kempkes, Jr., William McHaffie, Harold Peck, Carl E. Peterson, Paige Piper, Louis A. Shumway, Robert Smith, Floyd R. Peeso, Herbert Wood

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Honarary Members

Milton Baggs, Kenneth Bristol, Richard Knight, Mike Oberly, Roy Shaw, David Staples

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Deputy Forest Wardens

Joseph Kempkes, Jr. Ernest M. Gay
Carl J. Peterson William H. Squires
Nelson Hill

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B.S.S. Operators

Hazel Charles Marguerite Mumford
Ruth Neville Nancy Corthell
Jane Conklin Jeanne Vadnais
Joan Poole

ROBERT D. CAMP, SR.
Town Clerk

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

As is oftentimes the case, the first order of business at our organizational meeting in 1966 was to welcome our newest member, Francis "Pat" Loftus. Pat's wit, humor and earnest desire to help has done much to bring this year to a gratifying conclusion. Our recently adopted format of assigning each member the responsibility for the functions of a specific department has proven to be invaluable. As the liaison officer each Selectman becomes acutely aware of all problems within his departmnt and can then provide the Board with concise, detailed recommendations for Board action. Proof of the success of this system is evident in the increased efficiency of all town departments.

The Board of Selectmen organized as follows: Michael S. Mathras as Chairman of the Board, Frank Farrington, Jr., Clerk of the Board and Chairman of the Board of Public Welfare; William H. Squires, Jr., as Vice Chairman; William Gerry Whitlock and Francis P. Loftus as Members at Large.

Perhaps the most significant achievement of this administration has been the fulfillment of many years of effort, namely the resurfacing of Route 9. I feel that perhaps all too few people realize the tremendous effort and time that has been expended to bring this project to fruition. For all too many years we have had to contend with the danger and the exorbitant cost of maintaining this five-mile stretch of highway. Finally, after many frustrating efforts, it was only through sheer determination and the utilization of every political aid at our disposal that the D.P.W. finally consented to allocate funds for this project. With work already underway to meet a June, 1967 target date, we feel quite proud of the fact that we have received more than the equivalent of 10 years of Chapter 90 appropriations for this project—at no matching cost to the town. Although the $350,000 allocated for this work will not provide for complete reconstruction of this road, it will provide for resurfacing, widening, adequate drainage and the elimination, or at least the graduation of the many dangerous curves. This, along with the installation of new guard rails and proper sloping, will become one of the more presentable Chapter 90 roads in town. In the normal course of construction the town usually has to assume the costs of setting bound posts, which in this instance would cost in excess of setting bound posts, which in this instance would cost in excess of $10,000, however, with financial assistance from our County Commissioners we again prevailed upon the D.P.W. to underwrite this expense. All in all, it becomes an almost cost-free project to the town—which makes it almost unbelievable.

It was almost solely through the efforts of W. Gerry Whitlock that all this came to pass. Practically single-handed Mr. Whitlock contacted everyone from Governor Volpe down to the newest clerk at the D.P.W. to achieve his goal. Needless to say, this highway grant has made Belchertown the envy of our neighbors and the members of this Board are quite proud of this "Feather in our cap". We may all wear the feathers, but Gerry provided the cap!—Congratulations.

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Zoning enforcement within our town has kept our Zoning Enforcement Officer, John Reed, extremely busy during the entire year. In addition to issuing some 77 building permits with an estimated valuation of $300,000 Mr. Reed has had to call back at each building project to verify compliance. Numerous minor violations have been corrected by personal contact and consequently legal action has been avoided. It is not our desire to harass any well-meaning individuals regarding zoning regulations, however, we must of necessity, maintain order and adherence to the laws that we must live by.

Michael S. Mathras

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JUNK CARS

(Unregistered Automobiles and Trucks)

Amendment 11-A to the Town By-Laws, Article 20, became official with the Attorney General's signature on April 20, 1966.

Being reluctant to inflict hardships on anyone, the Board of Selectmen did not enforce this law immediately upon its approval, but instead gave ample time for those in violation to comply with the new law. On August eighteenth, the Board of Selectmen issued a public announcemnt, stating that the unregistered vehicle law would be enforced, and again gave an additional grace period of several months.

In December, 1966, legal enforcement of this By-Law became effective. It was decided to investigate the town in sections, with processing of one area to be completed before advancing to the next. After the first investigation was made, due and recorded notices were issued to those still in violation. Legal procedures have been instituted against those who have failed to comply after receiving these notices.

To those who have complied with this new By-Law, we give our hearty thanks for their cooperation.

Frank E. Farrington, Jr.

Highway Department Report

In the last few years the programs of the Highway Department have been re-vamped and accelerated. With 104 miles of road to maintain and with the new construction and projects necessary each year, the responsibility of this Department is tremendous. The cooperation and moral of the men has been greatly improved. A new salary scale was set up this year. The Selectmen are also recommending a week's paid vacation and five paid holidays. This increase is long overdue if we are to keep an effective department with capable help.

Chapter 90 Construction:

The first section of Stebbins Street has been completed and the final inspection will be made in the Spring. The Board regrets the delay and inconvenience caused for so many during the construction period. The next section of Stebbins Street has already been started. A final hearing will be held for the last section in the Spring and we hope to start that in the fall of 1967.

We are asking for the full Chapter 90 allotment this year which has been approved by the State. Monies are divided as follows—

	Request 1967	Request 1966
State Share	19,500	12,000
County	9,750	6,000
Town	9,750	6,000
TOTAL	39,000	24,000

Chapter 90 Maintenance:

Funds for 90 maintenance projects can only be spent on throughways—Three Rivers Road, Route 181, Route 21 and Route 9. Route 181 and Three Rivers Road each received resurfacing. All metal guard rails were repaired and are in the process of being painted. Several catch basins have been cleaned and restored. At the state and county hearings an increase of funds was requested and granted for this year.

	1967	1966
State	5,000	4,000
County	5,000	2,000
Town	5,000	1,000
	15,000	7,000

Resurfacing with a coat of Bituminous concrete is planned on the following Streets, Mill Valley Road and Three Rivers Road. Also some work will be done on the shoulders of Route 9.

Chapter 81:

(Work to be done on secondary roads)

In 1966 an all out resurfacing program was started and will be continued with the following roads to receive treatment.

Federal Street
North Street
Gold Street
Allen Road
Springfield Road
Michael Sears Road
West Street
Bay Road
Rivers Street
Warren Wright Road
Munsell Street
Orchard Street
Boardman Road
So. Washington Street
Sabin Street
Smith Street
Barrett Street
Metacomet Street
Daniel Square

Each year new roads are added as work is completed on the above list.

81 FUNDS set up as such—

State $28,600 and Town share $4,500 to be raised from this amount. $7,800 is held out for snow removal.

Chapter 679 (Special State Funds)

The construction of East Walnut Street was completed and the Board would like to thank all land owners for their cooperation as it makes our work much easier and more pleasant.

Also, Jackson Street and Everett Avenue were resurfaced with a coat of Bituminous Concrete which really proved to be a highly successful method, and it is hoped to continue this type of resurfacing in the future.

Under 679 this year the lower part of Jackson Street will be reconstructed and surfaced.

Town Projects:

This item of working on certain roads separate from other projects was started in 1960 by an article in the warrant. Since this program has been in effect, nineteen roads have been surfaced. This year Rural Roads—Eskett Road and Gold Street received final surface treatment.

The following roads to be worked on this year if approved by the voters are—

Orchard Street
Shaw Street
Knights Street
South Street
Allen Street
Pine Street
Gulf Road
Bardwell Street
Mill Valley Road

The main emphasis is still to be made on school bus routes and mail routes.

Equipment:

This year with the help of our own personnel we have brought our equipment into top shape. By setting up a schedule for repairs and maintenance we find we are able to do most of the work. Almost all of our equipment has been painted and is in good repair.

Recommendation:

That the Town purchase a new four wheel drive front-end loader to replace our present one. Due to the high cost of this equipment, we feel it should be paid for over a three year period.

Present Inventory

1956 Brockway Dump Truck
1963 Ford Dump Truck

1966	Brockway Dump Truck
1966	Slide-in Box Sander
1956	International Truck and Sander
1962	Dodge Truck and Sander
1963	Pick-up Truck
1947	Caterpillar Grader
1960	Front-loader

Summary:

In closing my report I would like to thank all those who have been patient and who have cooperated with our programs. We have been able to get the State to re-construct Route 9. We still hope to have them take over its maintenance.

We do feel our recommendations are important for the maintenance and continued improvement of our roads.

William Gerry Whitlock
Liaison for Highway Department

In closing the Board wishes to extend its thanks to the many people who have donated their time and equipment on various local projects; without this cooperation our Summer Program might not have been the success it was. To the Garden Club, the Grange, the Jay-cees, the Lions Club and the many unpaid local committees we owe a vote of thanks, — to all of you — Thank you very much.

MICHAEL S. MATHRAS, Chmn.
FRANK E. FARRINGTON, JR.
WILLIAM H. SQUIRES, JR.
WILLIAM GERRY WHITLOCK
FRANCIS P. LOFTUS

ASSESSORS' REPORT

The money to pay the cost of operating the town is derived from—

1. Taxation of real and personal estate
2. Grants and reimbursements from the federal government, the commonwealth and other cities and towns
3. Receipts of departments and available funds
4. Licenses, permits and fees
5. Miscellaneous other sources

The amount to be raised by taxation was determined as follows:

Amount to be raised in the fiscal year	$1,011,407.67
Other Expenses	
Abatements in excess of overlay	$ 2,688.72
School lunch, libraries, revolving fund	9,109.87
State parks and reservations	2,844.23
State audit of municipal accounts	3,895.30
Motor vehicle excise bills	434.40
State assessment system	230.32
County tax	24,211.20
County hospital assesment	3,953.51
Overlay for current year	16,777.95
	$64,145.50
Gross amount to be raised in 1966	1,075,553.17
Estimated receipts from the state	354,388.90
Available funds	139,391.80
	$493,780.70
Amount to be raised by taxation	$ 581.772.47

Valuation	
Personal property	$ 1,039,260.00
Real estate	14,684,320.00
	$15,723,580.00
Tax levy, 1966 rate $37 per $1,000	
Personal property	$ 38,452.62
Real estate	543,319.85
	$581,772.47
Omitted Assessments—Real Estate	
Valuation	$100,400.00
Tax	3,714.80

The Board received 230 photostatic copies of property transfers and probate records and 65 building permits,—three of the latter were for removals.

The following abatements were processed during 1966.

Motor vehicle	298	6,182.56
Personal property	17	126.60
Veteran's	49	3,751.80
Over 70	59	10,532.40
Other real estate	38	2,395.80

One thousand five hundred (1,500) valuation books were printed and distributed by mail. Many changes have been made during the year and these may be verified at any time, as the book is open to the public.

The Assessors' office is open from 1 to 4 P.M. daily, Monday through Friday.

Regular meetings of the Board are held the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month from 7:30 to 9:00 P.M.

WILLIAM F. KIMBALL, JR., Chmn.
HAROLD B. KETCHEN
DORIS S. SQUIRES

BELCHERTOWN-GRANBY WELFARE DISTRICT REPORT

The following report of the Belchertown-Granby Welfare District reflects its activities for 1966 in administering Old Age Assistance, Medical Assistance for the Aged, Aid to Families with Dependent Children, Disability Assistance, Medical Aid and General Relief for the two member towns.

	Total	**Belchertown**	**Granby**
Cases handled	95	71	24
Visits & contacts	357	275	82
Assist. app.	$91,671.40	$73,835.00	$17,836.40
Cases 12-31-66	50	39	11

Operating costs for the District for 1966 were as follows:

Salaries	$13,620.70
Travel	278.64
Postage	107.45
Supplies	122.28
Telephone	228.20
Office Rent	780.00
Equipment	9.67
Office & equip. maint.	12.89
Compensation Insurance	50.20
Treasurer's bond	12.00
Medical Advisor	50.00
Meetings, conferences, dues, etc.	63.30
H. S. Gere & Sons (Gazette)	21.00
Public Welfare Directory	12.50
Druggist Blue Book	9.00
Hampshire County Assessment	1,332.27
Hospital Insurance	270.96
Group Life Insurance	24.52
TOTAL	$17,005.58
Less Reimbursements	15,822.42
Net Operating Cost	$ 1,183.16

The District continues to operate on the basis of the expenses and reimbursements being allocated 62.5% for Belchertown and 37.5% for Granby. The 1967 budget will require a total assessment of $1,751.02 (Belchertown $1,094.39 and Granby $656.63).

LENA N. WILSON, Director
Belchertown - Granby
Welfare District

District Treasurer's Report

Cash in treasury 1-1-66		$ 5,665.86
Receipts:		
Federal	$10,679.51	
State	5,136.69	
Miscellaneous	2,965.84	18,782.04
		$24,447.90
Expenditures		$19,965.20
Cash in treasury 12-31-66		4,482.70
		$24,447.90

ROBERT D. CAMP, SR.
District Treasurer

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District Director's Report

At the present time welfare activities seem to be in a period of transition which makes it difficult to report for 1966 and anticipate the needs for 1967 with any degree of accuracy. Medicare became operative in July 1966 and the Medical Aid program (Title XIX of the Social Security Act) became effective September 1966. Both programs could affect the welfare situation considerably. Welfare expenditures for 1966 exceed those for 1965 and it is anticipated 1967 expenditures will also reflect an increase.

Welfare continues to be concerned with supplying services. Emphasis is placed on both parents and children in Aid to Families with Dependent Children cases for education and training for productive employment and the acquiring of good social attitudes so that they may assume a responsible place in society.

The cooperation which this office has received from your Board and the other Town officials during the year has facilitated our work and we are grateful for it.

LENA N. WILSON, Director
Belchertown - Granby
Welfare District

Fire Chief and Forest Warden Report

I herewith submit my report as Fire Chief and Forest Warden for the year 1966.

The Department answered the following calls during the year:

Building fires	23
Grass and brush fires	34
Vehicle fires	11
Drowning	1
Total responses during 1966	69

The total estimated loss to buildings—$12,810
The total estimated loss to contents— 10,325
The total estimated loss to vehicles— 850

Total hours spent fighting fires was 68, and total miles traveled was 388.

Again, I would like to express my appreciation to the Police Department, and all other departments for their continued cooperation.

A great deal of credit goes to the telephone operators at the Belchertown State School who so efficiently handle the fire calls.

The auxiliary department continues to play an important part in our over-all effort of fire suppression in Belchertown. Much credit goes to Lt. Donald Bock, and firemen Lawrence Bowser, Jr., and Edward Fuller, who give so generously of their time and effort to train these young men.

LOUIS E. FULLER
Fire Chief and Forest Warden

Police Department

I hereby submit my annual report for the the Police Department of the Town of Belchertown, for 1966. Following are listed the offenses prosecuted in the District Court of Northampton during the year 1966.

Assault & Battery	4
Assault & Battery with dangerous weapon	1
Assault with intent to commit rape	1
Auto without authority	3
Breaking & entering in daytime	3
Breaking & entering in nighttime	2
Driving to endanger	6
Drunkenness	1
Fish & game violations	12
Illegal possession of firearms	1
Indecent exposure	1
Larceny of Auto	3
Liquor law violations	5
Malicious damage to personel property	2
Malicious injury to real property	1
Motor Vehicle violations	409
Open & gross lewdness	1
Rape	1
Unnatural & Lascivious act	1
Total	458

Juvenile Cases:

Liquor in car	1
Motor Vehicle Violations	13
Runaway	1
Total	15

Total offenses prosecuted in 1966 — 473

The ambulance continues to be a real asset to the townspeople who find a need for it in times of emergency. In checking back in reports I find that in 1956—34 trips were made. This continued to increase each year. Last year 1965—113 trips and 1966—133 trips were made to or from hospitals and nursing homes in the area. The ambulance is to be used for emergency or at the request of a doctor. The reason for this is to assure the patients that they will be accepted at the hospital or nursing home. When the ambulance is requested it requires two men. Police Officrs are on call at all times for this duty. They are often called from their jobs to do this service. I take this opportunity to thank each one for being available and answering so quickly to these emergencies. There were 33 calls for oxygen this past year, 7 more than in 1965.

229 traffic accidents were reported and investigated during 1966 which is 36 more than in 1965. There was one fatal accident. This department has answered 1,431 complaints compared with 1,206 in 1965. We receive and deliver emergency messages to people having no telephones. We have served 217 summonses.

51 pistol permits were issued. Each applicant must be fingerprinted by this department. 3 dealer licenses were issued in town.

This year the patrol has continued with two men in the cruiser every night. This I am sure has been a help to the community.

As in the past years, I want to take this opportunity to thank all of the Police Officers in our town as well as the Police Departments in in the surrounding towns, the Metropolitan District Commission, the State Police, the Registry of Motor Vehicles, and our local Fire Chief, for the help and cooperation which they have given to me and the department.

My sincere thanks to all the townspeople who have cooperated with this department during the year.

ERNEST M. GAY
Chief of Police

Board of Health Report

The Board of Health met ten times in 1966. All individual Sewage Disposal Systems at the time of installation were inspected for compliance with Public Health Regulations. There were 16 such installations.

A small pox vaccination clinic was held again this year. There were 107 vaccinations given.

The Board of Health administered 80 influenza shots to school personnel, fire and police department members. These were administered by Dr. Kenneth Collard.

Monthly inspections were made of the town's eating and drinking establishments, trailer park, and recreation areas to insure sanitary conditions.

Assistance was given to one family who had a premature infant born as provided under the Premature Infant Act of the General Laws.

Mr. Del Lajeunesse has been appointed Inspector of Plumbing in compliance with Chapter 358 of the Acts of 1965. He reports that he has made seven plumbing inspections and 24 gas inspections.

The following communicable diseases, were reported to the Board this year. This summary includes those reported from the Belchertown State School.

Chicken pox	7
Mumps	63
Strep throat	37
Urethritis G.C.	1
Scarlet fever	10
Salmonellosis	3
Dysentery (Sonne)	16
Erysipelas	2
Hepatitis	2
Animal bite	32

Mr. Lewis Austin, the Animal Inspector for the Board of Health, inspected dogs in 32 cases of dog bite.

The Board of Health has a new office in the basement of Memorial School. The facilities are quite adequate.

We are attempting to follow the provisions and benefits provided by Medicare as we recognize the ever increasing need for a public health nurse or community nursing service in Belchertown.

KENNETH C. COLLARD, M.D., Chm.
JAMES D. BONAFINI
CHARLOTTE KETCHEN, R.N., Clerk

AGENT-SANITARIAN REPORT

As Agent—Sanitarian for the Board of Health of the Town of Belchertown, I respectfully submit my annual report for 1966.

During 1966 regular monthly inspections were made on eleven eating and drinking establishments, four stores and one bakery.

One trailer park, one recreational camp for children and two recreational camps were licensed and inspected at regular intervals.

One motel was inspected and licensed.

Two public health nuisance complaints were investigated. All nuisances were abated satisfactorily.

One housing investigation was made, and one house was condemned as unfit for human habitation. Three sewage disposal systems were investigated and corrective action was taken.

Thirty-five itinerant restaurants were inspected during the annual fair. Each establishment operated in accordance with health regulations.

During the summer months regular inspections were made at the town beach. Monthly samples of water were taken from the lake and from the drinking water supply. Water samples were taken also from the recreational camps to determine the quality of the water. All samples were satisfactory for the purpose used.

Conferences with the Board of Health were held as needed. Your Board of Health is most active and interested in the health and safety of the citizens of Belchertown.

Regular inspections were made of the town dump and recommendations were made to the Board of Selectmen where necessary.

I wish to thank the citizens of Belchertown for the fine cooperation extended to me during 1966.

JOHN A. BRICKETT, R.S.
Agent — Sanitarian
Board of Health

Dog Officer's Report

Upon receiving his warrant from the Board of Selectmen in June 1966, the Dog Officer collected fees and issued 145 dog licenses and 10 kennel licenses.

The controversial Dog Leash (Restraining) Order brought a large and interesting response from our residents. While a majority vote by the Board of Selectmen defeated such an order, a later directive from the County Commissioners imposed such a restraining order due to the magnitude of dog damage.

Statistics

Stray dogs picked up and destroyed—63
Dogs returned to owners—0
Unlicensed dogs killed an highways—12
Dog complaints investigated—15

WALLACE CHEVALIER
Dog Officer

Community Action Committee

The Belchertown Community Action Committee has operated during the past year with the following officers:

Chairman: Charles W. Jackson; Vice Chairman and Representative to the Hampshire Community Action Commission, Inc.: Sidney W. Wheeler; Secretary: Mrs. James E. Davin, Jr.

We have investigated a number of possibilities of alleviating some of the community problems of Belchertown; they are as follows:

1. HEADSTART (the Federal Program for orientation of pre-school children)—After a successful "Headstart" program in 1965, we had hopes or repeating in 1966, but learned that the income criteria for Federal financial assistance had been lowered. A survey of family income of those Belchertown families with children due to enter school at its next opening indicated that their incomes were predominantly above the values established for Federal assistance. In only a very few cases would we have been eligible for U.S. Government funds; we were thus unable to support a "Headstart" program in 1966.

2. NEIGHBORHOOD YOUTH CORPS PROJECT—Application was made to the Hampshire County Community Action Commission for funds to support NYC employment of a maximum number of youths during the summer. Sufficient Federal funds were received to employ nine. Nine boys who met the criteria of need and limited family income were employed. Of these nine, two dropped out shortly after employment; four were employed for the summer by the Metropolitan District Commission; three worked for the Belchertown Highway Department. Of the seven that pursued their employment through the summer, each received approximately $275 and performed needed work at Quabbin and for the Town.

3. COMMUNITY RECREATION FACILITY—The Committee has surveyed all known Federal programs for assisting communities to provide buildings, land and equipment for Community Centers and other recreational facilities. We have found that every such program requires either that the Community own a facility (in which case funds can be obtained to improve it), or that the community provide a large percentage of initial funding for the purchase or construction of such facility. In view of the currently high tax rate in Belchertown, we have invariably concluded that, though U.S. funds might be procurred to help us obtain needed quarters and equipment, we are presently not able to finance our share.

4. VISITING NURSE PROGRAM — With the inauguration of the Medicare program, the Committee determined it appropriate that we investigate a Visiting Nurse Service for Belchertown. We sought expert advice from the State Health Department and during a joint meeting with the local Nurses Association were addressed by two members of that department. They gave us a thorough briefing on the provisions of the Medicare legislation and discussed possible ways of providing Visiting Nurse services. The substance of this advice was that our population is not sufficient to support an independent VN organization, primarily because of the heavy overhead costs resulting from Federal requirements for record keeping and diversification of medical services. They further advised that we would be wiser to join with other towns in establishing a joint service, or in buying service from an adjacent town with an established service.

In pursuit of this advice we communicated with the VN organization in Palmer, to determine if they were willing and capable of providing service to Belchertown. Their Executive Board voted to provide service to that portion of South Belchertown from the Palmer line to the "Dry Bridge." They were faced with some reorganization problems resulting from new provisions of the Federal Medicare laws, and did not feel that they could extend themselves further at this time. Our negotiations continue and we are in hopes that they may be willing to extend the service in the future.

The entire Committee has not met for the past several months; we have rather confined our activities to liaison with the County Organization and continued review of the constantly changing National programs that may provide some assistance to our town. Though we continue to think of ourselves as a relatively "poor" citizenry, we find that we fail to qualify under most of the government projects. By way of example:

A program which has been discussed a great deal in news media, and one in which some townspeople have expressed an interest, is the "Foster Grandparents Program." We have just received the first specific data on how this program is to operate. It is described in the published literature: "The Foster Grandparents Program recruits, trains, and employs low-income persons over 60 to serve neglected and deprived children who lack close personal relationship with adults." Further in the literature, the following scale is established to determine a "low-income person":

Poverty Line Index

NON-FARM HOUSEHOLDS

Persons	Family Income
1	$1,500
2	2,000
3	2,500
4	3,000
5	3,500
6	4,000
7	4,500

For each dependent above 7, add $500.

FARM HOUSEHOLDS

Persons	Family Income
1	$1,050
2	1,400
3	1,750
4	2,100
5	2,450
6	2,800
7	3,150

For each dependent above 7, add $350.

The criteria go on to specify that such persons as qualify may only be employed in an institution"; i.e.,—they may not be used in private homes. In Belchertown, we apparently have only one institution that would qualify—i.e., the Belchertown State School.

The foregoing is typical of the programs. The incomes of our able "senior citizens", who might be willing to participate, generally exceed the criteria The size of our town generally precludes our having the large charitable institutions usually found in a city. As a result most of the programs offer little promise to Belchertown.

CHARLES W. JACKSON, Chm.
Community Action Committee

Municipal Building Committee Report

The Municipal Building Committee was established by Motion Number Thirty, passed by the 1966 Annual Meeting of the town of Belchertown, with the obligation of rendering a written report on its progress to the townspeople at the 1967 Annual Town Meeting.

During the past year, we have held fifteen meetings, conferring with representatives of most town offices and departments, in an effort to learn from them their present and future needs in the way of office space, storage space, meeting rooms, et cetera. Due to their cooperation, we have accumulated a great deal of useful information. In addition, we have visited two buildings in neighborhoring towns, one a brand new building and the other a renovated building, to see how they have met the needs of their town departments. We have also visited and studied three local buildings to determine the practicality of adapting one of them to our needs. In October, we met with the Town Moderator, Col. Charles W. Jackson, as requested by him, to inform him of our progress up to date.

At this time, we recommend that the Board of Selectmen consider the feasibility of the utilization of the Grossman property, now for sale, for the use of the Highway Department. While this property might well have other potential uses, we do not recommend it for the use of municipal offices.

The Committee is not yet ready to make a final report on municipal office building needs, but feels that it needs more time to study and appraise the information gathered during the past year.

JOHN C. CARR, Chairman
PETER M. DEARNESS
RACHAEL W. FARRINGTON
WALTER L. PAPP
CARL J. PETERSON
Municipal Building Committee

Sealer of Weights & Measures Report

Although the activity in this department has not materially increased since last year, due to an increase in fees allowed by the state, the revenue derived from this department has roughly tripled this past year.

The statistics that follow apply for the year 1966.

Scales over 10,000 lbs.	1
Scales 100 lbs. to 5,000 lbs.	8
Scales under 100 lbs.	24
Avoirdupois weights	25
Apothecary Troy Weights	7
Gasoline Pumps	15
Kerosene Pump	1
Grease Pumps	7
Yard Stick	1

Fees amounting to $147.05 have been turned over to the Town Treasurer.

ROYAL K. GAY
Sealer of Weights & Measures

RECREATION FACILITIES

Memorial Hall

The Memorial Hall received some much needed additions.

A guard rail was installed across the balcony as a safety precaution, recommended by the State Inspector.

Three rooms were finished off in the basement for the use of the Planning Board, Board of Health, Cemetery Commissioners, Finance Committee and Appeals Board. The Assessors Room was also enlarged to eliminate their crowded condition.

The Common

The children are now enjoying the ice skating at the North end of the common, which was more volunteer work by the firemen, town help, and lighting was installed by a member of the Police Department.

Parsons Field

Chadbournes Oil Company, who sponsored a soft ball team, asked for and received four benches and a new home plate for the field.

Much enjoyment was received from the three soft ball games between the Police and Firemen. Collections were taken and $100 sent to Boston for the Jimmy Fund.

Perhaps the thing most needed is a Club House on the field, but to do this will take both money and volunteer help.

The Memorial School uses the field during school months as it is the only place available for supervised play.

Interest has been expressed in having several Pee Wee Baseball teams started for the youngsters.

We hope to have a much needed Recreation Committee and hire a full time, part time director for all recreation areas—the beach, common, and Parsons Field.

FRANCIS P. LOFTUS

Town Hall Committee

This is to report that all recommendations offered by the State Building Inspector and our insurance company have been met. In a recent relamping program, several hazardous electrical problems were found and corrected. More improvements in this area are anticipated in 1967.

Emergency roof repairs were necessary this year in the amount of $850. The completion of this project is expected in 1967 at an additional anticipated cost of $950.

It is interesting to note that two of your Selectmen, by using special tools and a lot of determination, were able to open the Old Town Hall safe. Records dating from 1861 to 1924 were found therein.

To answer a public letter asking why an adult needed to be present whenever the hall was in use, this Committee would like to state that this year we have encountered a more malicious and defiant type of vandalism than ever before, even with adult supervision.

In conclusion, this building is one year older —one more added to many. It is sad to see one of our old landmarks follow its present course. What is your pleasure?

FRANK E. FARRINGTON, Jr.
GEORGE A. FOSTER
ROBERT DONOVAN
Town Hall Committee

Beach Committee Report

1966 was another busy and successful year at the Town Beach. By combining the job of life guard and general beach custodian money was saved and a more efficient job done. We were fortunate to be able to hire local boys who did an excellent job. Unfortunately Ken Nolan, who we first hired was in an accident. We were lucky to replace him with John Curry, Jr. Most of the painting and maintenance work was done by the boys and both did a fine job of sanatizing, overseeing and life guarding.

A pay telephone was installed which we feel was a great convenience and would have been of aids should we have had an emergency. Sand was added and some more tree and beach cleaning done. $50 was spent for temporary pins and plans to buy the adjoining Nitcanic property. It is hoped that the town will favor acquiring this land.

As in the past we were lucky to have much volunteer help. Mr. LaJeunesse winterized the bath-houses, Mr. Tolzdorf helped paint, Don Cole spread sand, and various others helped in other ways. The men of the Highway Department regularly dumped the barrels, and the Police Department was most cooperative in all ways.

This committee feels the possibility of having a Belchertown Recreation Committee should be investigated. The suggestion has been in the past but before the "Home Rule" law it would have been an involved procedure. With a committee we feel more recreational opportunities could be provided for less money and with more efficiency.

MURIEL A. WHITLOCK, Chm.
Beach Committee

Board of Appeals

Officially the Board of Appeals had a very easy year in 1966, holding only six hearings: one for the conversion of a single family dwelling to a two-family; one to conduct a family business at home; four to operate sand and gravel banks. However, as in the past, members of the Board have found themselves on the verge of practicing law without a license through a continuing stream of requests for the legal interpretation of our zoning by-laws. These by-laws appear to be difficult to come by and apparently even more difficult to read. Your Board can make no specific recommendation to overcome this difficulty but would happily welcome any constructive suggestions.

Financially the Board of Appeals operates at a profit to the Town. A ten dollar fee goes into the general fund for each hearing while the advertising and postage involved runs usually to no more than six or seven dollars. Thus the Board signs itself gratefully and altruistically yours,

HENRY RENOUF, Chm.
DONALD PERHAM, Sec.
WALTER CARMODY
Board of Appeals

Cemetery Report

The Cemetery Commission met on March 25th to elect officers, and discuss plans for the coming year. Edward Fuller was elected chairman, and Roy Reece, Jr. was elected clerk.

As in 1965, each member was given the responsibility of supervising mowing, clipping, and general care of three cemeteries.

Our biggest project of the year was development of the South Cemetery Annex. Final grading, seeding, and fertilizing was the first step towards completing the first section of the new annex. The stone wall dividing the old cemetery from the new annex was rebuilt and roads were laid out and graveled. In the near future these roads will be tarred and graveled.

Forty-one eight grave lots and six four grave lots were measured out, and temporary lot markers were installed. Permanent flush lot markers will be installed in the Spring.

There were nineteen burials in 1966, and $775 was deposited to the cemetery income account.

EDWARD L. FULLER
ROY P. REESE, JR.
EDMUND BLAINE
Cemetery Commissioners

Veterans Graves Officers Report

The Cemetery Commissioners have done their usual excellent job and I can report that all Veterans' Graves known to me are in good order. I hereby submit a breakdown of Veterans' Graves by Cemetery and War:

Cemetery	Fr. & Ind.	Rev.	1812	Civil	Sp.-Amer.	WWI	WWII	Korea	*Unk.
Lake Vale		8	1	4					2
Dwight	1	2		5					4
Hillcrest				10					
Rural		1		7					3
Liberty		3		5					
Evergreen		1				1			3
South		16		21	1		1		1
Mount Hope		3	1	67	3	28	7	1	2
Kimball									
TOTALS	1	34	2	119	4	29	8	1	15

Since these figures were accumulated another veteran has been laid to rest in South Cemetery bringing the total number of known veterans' graves in town to 214.

In addition to the above I have a list of fifteen Belchertown veterans buried outside of Belchertown, these are mostly Legionnaires. I feel that my records are very incomplete but the above is a true account to the best of my knowledge and belief as of February 17, 1967.

MILTON A. BUTLER
Veterans' Graves Officer

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*Unknown — Those graves have no markers, or we know that there are veterans in the cemetery but have only approximate ideas as to their location. In some cases we know the name of the veteran but not the exact spot of burial. In South Cemetery we have a grave with a Legion flag holder with no identification.

Conservation Report

With over 36,000 acres of land, Belchertown is statistically the second largest town in the Commonwealth. However nobody seems to know just how much of this area is actually under the control of the Town. After subtracting the land controlled by the Metropolitan District Commission, the Springfield Water Department, the Department of Public Works, the Department of Mental Health, the University of Massachusetts and the Division of Fisheries and Game, what is our relative size?

Your Conservation Commission is anxious to find out and to discover the potential values of the remaining area for the growth of the community. To accomplish this it has requested a small appropriation for 1967 to finance a preliminary survey by the U. S. Soil Conservation Service with the approval and assistance of the Hampshire Conservation District. Your Commission is one of the very few that has not requested funds for land acquisition. Its failure to do so is not so much out of consideration for the budget—all communities have tight budgets—as out of uncertainty as to what the Town's natural resource potentials are and what its residents want done with them. The Commission solicits your support in both areas.

HENRY RENOUF, Chm.
RICHARD COOK, Secretary
ALBERT BROWN
SHERMAN GOULD
MRS. EDWARD BARTLETT
MRS. BLAKE JACKSON
LOREN GLAZIER
E. HOLLAND LOW
LIONEL BUZZARD
JOHN FLETCHER
ALBERT BRIGHENTI
Conservation Commission

Sewer Commissioner's Report

One of the most rewarding and beneficial improvements to our town in many years was the completion of the new and modern sewerage treatment plant at the State School. This facility was put in use during the month of December and will take care of the growing needs of both the State School and the town for many years to come. The town is most fortunate to have a disposal of this type and to receive the fine cooperation of many State officials.

The resurfacing of the state highway on Maple Street, the center and Jabish Street required the raising of many manhole frames and covers. This was also necessary in the resurfacing of Jackson Street, Everett Avenue and East Walnut Street. Several other manholes which had become buried were also raised, making a total of twenty. This will make these much more accessible for any stoppages.

The meter houses at the State School received another coat of paint. The sewer rodding equipment was completely disassembled, inspected and lubricated. All stoppages in the system were promptly cleared and chemical added for control of root growth.

Four new services were added during the year, including an extension of 350 feet of 8 inch sewer main on Federal Street to connect to the new Quabbin Village, a six-store development which includes the local print shop and newspaper. This makes a total of 260 services.

We again wish to express thanks to everyone, and to the officials at the State School for the fine cooperation received during the year.

Meetings of the Sewer Department are held the second Monday of each month.

D. DONALD HAZEN
FREDERICK E. LINCOLN
HARRY L. BROUGHAM
Sewer Commissioners

Regional Vocational Technical School Committee Report

Our committee met and organized in April, 1966, following our appointment by the Town Moderator as instructed by the Town Meeting vote in March, 1966. We organized as follows:

Gould Ketchen — Chairman
Elvert Miller — Secretary
David Staples — School Committee Member

Monthly meetings have been regularly held since April with neighboring towns. The Regionaal Committee has organized with Harry Uguccioni of Palmer, Chairman, and Mr. Irving Matson of Ware, Secretary. The following nine towns have duly elected members, Belchertown, Hardwick, Monson, New Braintree, North Brookfield, Palmer, Ware, Warren, and West Brookfield. Other towns who have sat in on meetings and made inquiries include Ludlow, Wilbraham, Hampden, Granby, Brimfield, Wales, Holland, Sturbridge, Brookfield, and Spencer, Separate Committees for drawing an Agreement, Site, Curriculum, Finance, Visitations, have been appointed. The entire project is, however, still in the formative stages. A tentative agreement has been drawn up and is under consideration. This report is considered one of progress and with much work still to be done, as this is a long range project.

School Building Committee

Steady and progressive work toward the completion of the building program has kept the Committee constantly busy during the past year.

Installation of new equipment, replacement or repair of materials and equipment which had not met specifications or conditions of warranty were adjusted and satisfactorily accounted for. Additional funds were allocated for needed library books and films, and a safety exhaust system was installed in the Industrial Arts department.

Procurement of a portable lighting generator, the construction of storage areas for the athletic programs and general storage space, and some minor adjustments by the General Contractor are presently the main items before us.

The Committee is most grateful to former Superintendent of Schools Frank M. Dunn, Jr. for his persistent and progressive efforts which greatly added to and improved this whole program.

To Committeemen Donald Geer and Andrew G. Ketchen, who have both left our fair community, goes our sincere appreciation for their most sincere dedication to this task.

Again the School Committee and Administration have cooperated in every way, consistent to the best interests of the Town.

Superintendent John B. Curry, Jr. and his office staff, Mrs. Dewey and Mrs. Lowe, must be commended for the excellent manner in which the voluminous and exacting paper work of this project has been properly recorded and handled.

This report is made as a report of progress, trusting that the final report is not too far distant.

ISAAC A. HODGEN, Chairman
DAVID A. STAPLES, V. Chmn.
JOHN V. NELSON, Clerk
WALTER L. PAPP
CLIFFORD E. HOLT
JOHN B. CURRY, JR., ex officio
School Building Committee

School Committee

A total of thirty-six (36) meetings, special and regular were held during the current year. This number does not include inspections or informal visits to the various buildings or Area V meetings. Your School Committee is represented on the following committees: Old Town Hall, Robrt J. Donovan; Summer Recreation, Lloyd C. Chadbourne; School Building and Vocational Regional Planning, David A. Staples.

A new service line from the water main to the building at the Memorial (Old High) School, Canopy repairs at Cold Spring School and trim painting at Center School are some of the repairs and up-grading items which the Committee continues in their progressive maintenance program.

The Committee expresses its sincere appreciation to the community for their support and approval of both Articles submitted in the Annual Warrant.

The Building Committee continues their outstanding cooperation and courtesy at the Junior-Senior High building even to the extent of equipment purchases.

The second year under the "Quality Education for Massachusetts" presented a new Board of Education by virtue of the General Court, Chapter 572, Acts of 1965 whose first Act was the State Standard for school day and year. Discussions with the State Board regarding expanding curriculum for grades K-12 meets with much serious concern within your Committee, unless the State Board is prepared to subsidize these programs.

Chapter 763, Acts of 1965 providing for Bargaining Agents found your Committee negociating with several different groups and individuals regarding wages and other conditions of employment. These Collective Bargaining meetings began in June and were completed in December, resulting in monetary increases for all which places your entire system in a fair competitive position with surrounding communities.

Appreciation is expressed to all who assist and cooperate in the continued improvement of our Educational System and support our budget year after year.

The Belchertown School Committee respectfully asks the Town to appropriate the sum of $615,922 for the operation of the schools during 1967.

Proposed Budget, 1967

1000	Administration	$ 24,790
2000	Instruction	419,085
3000	Other School Services	67,105
4000	Operation & Maintenance of Plant	82,145
5000	Fixed Charges	110
7000	Acquisition of Fixed Assets	1,855
9000	Programs With Other Schools	20,832
		$615,922

In accordance with the Regulations of Section 10, Chapter 70, Acts of The General Laws the Belchertown School Committee cannot at this time give any definite amount of anticipated receipts for 1967.

The Belchertown School Aid entitlement as shown by the Basic Formula of the State of Massachusetts since passage of the Sales Tax is—$160,220.40. However, the Tax Department of the Massachusetts Department of Education advises that Belchertown should not figure on receiving more than 75% of this amount unless Collections improve considerably in 1967 over 1966.

In accordance with the Regulations of Section 10, Chapter 70, Acts of 1948 of the General Laws the Belchertown School Committee includes the following estimate of anticipated rceipts in 1967:

School Fund-Chapter 70 (75% of $160,220)	$120,000
Transportation (Chapter 71)	39,350
Transportation (State wards, Ch. 76)	2,510
Tuition (State Wards, Ch. 76)	1,292
Transportation (Voc. Ed. Ch. 74)	2,566
Mentally & Physically Handicapped (Chapter 69)	4,000
	$169,718
Federal Aid:	
Public Law 874	9,390
	$179,108

Approximate amount to be raised by local taxation: $436.814

HAROLD W. WILLEY, Chm.
LLOYD C. CHADBOURNE
ROBERT N. DONOVAN
PHYLLIS W. FLAHERTY
DAVID A. STAPLES
School Committee

Superintendent of Schools

During the year 1966, the Belchertown School System experienced a complete turnover in administrative personnel: namely, in the positions of Superintendent of Schools, Secondary Supervising Principal, Elementary Supervising Principal, and Director of Guidance. Belchertown High School also witnessed a change in the coaching staff of its most popular sport—basketball.

In spite of an increase in enrollment, available space was not a major problem in 1966. However, the Memorial School which houses grades five and six is right now at maximum capacity. This building was constructed at a time when the high school classrooms were much smaller than our present elementary classes. Each of the eight classrooms in this school has reached its limit in relation to number of pupils. The lack of auxiliary rooms for the serving of lunch and for music, art, remedial reading and physical education has caused some difficulty in implementing the educational program. The School Administration was gratified to see the appointment of a responsible School Needs Building Committee. There appears to be no immediate emergency but with the high probability of state-mandated kindergartens and with the inevitability of continued growth in school population, it is certainly advisable to have such a committee continuing the investigation of the needs of the School System.

As part of a concentrated effort to improve Reading, two In-Service Programs were held during 1966. The first program, entitled "Every Teacher a Reading Teacher", was held in the Spring under the direction of Belchertown's two Remedial Reading Teachers. The second program was held in the fall under the direction and sponsorship of the Reading Department of the Massachusetts State Department of Education. The majority of Federal Project money secured during 1966 by the Belchertown School System has been expended in the field of reading. This includes funds from the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, Titles I and II, and from the National Defense Education Act, Title III. School personnel have been preparing projects for submission to the State and Federal Governments for approval of funds for the continued improvement of the reading program during 1967.

Early in the 1966-67 school year, committees were established at the High School to meet the high standards of the New England Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. This Association will send a group of educators before the end of the school year to examine the facilities, to observe the teaching staff and to study the entire High School Program.

With the great increase in the needs for vocational education a group of townspeople has been meeting with similar groups in neighboring towns to explore the advisability of Belchertown's participation in a regional vocational high school. The primary objective of vocational education in Massachusetts is to prepare students for effective entrance into employment and to upgrade those already employed. With the phasing out of the New Salem Vocational School and the increasing possibility that trade schools in Springfield and Holyoke may be forced to limit drastically the number of tuition students, a serious hardship could be felt by all of those students in the area interested in vocational education. Unfortunately, this situation will probably exist at just the time when surveys show the need for more rather than less of this type of education. Most high schools in the area would find it very difficult to offer such programs as auto body repair, auto mechanics, cabinet making, carpentry, commercial art, electronics, graphic arts, metal fabrication, painting and decorating, pattern-making, plumbing, sheet metal, and welding for boys; cosmetology, needle trades, food preparation, practical nursing, medical and dental training for girls.

The elementary instrumental program is off to an excellent start this year with over forty elementary pupils participating in the programs. The intra-mural program which provides instruction and competition for all elementary fifth and sixth grade boys and girls has been well attended.

The secondary sports program which makes available seasonal sports for secondary students was continued in 1966.

The girl's program included such sports as field hockey, basketball, volleyball, badminton, softball and gymnastics at both the junior and senior high levels. The boys' activities were expanded to include three new inter-scholastic sports to supplement their usual programs of basketball and baseball. In the spring an informal track team was organized. During the fall soccer and cross country teams represented Belchertown High against other area teams.

The baseball team was again the Franklin League Champions with an 11-2 record. The basketball team finished the first season in the Quaboag League in a three way tie for first place. The championship was lost in the play-off against Ware.

The Neighborhood Youth Corps has qualified some Belchertown High School students for remunerative positions in the school assisting teachers and the Librarian. This program gives students an opportunity to continue their high school education and at the same time receive job training while in school. The Neighborhood Youth Corps, along with the Work-Study Program, is part of the total effort of the School System to encourage boys and girls to remain in school and complete their education requirements.

The French Program at the Junior High School level which was expanded last year to include grade eight was further expanded in the fall of 1966 to include the students of grade seven.

The Parent-Teachers' Association had a most worthwhile year with a number of educational and social programs. The high-light of the year was a musical program for the benefit of the Memorial School piano fund. An excellent piano has since been donated by Dr. Kenneth Collard to the Memorial School. The P.T.A. Committee will continue to work to provide a ney piano for the Cold Spring School. A very successful Book Fair was held in the Belchertown Schools during the fall of 1966 with the profits earmarked for the piano fund.

The Driver Education Program at the high School was improved this year by the employment of the Palmer-Driving School to conduct all classroom and behind-the-wheel training. A large number of students completed their driver ducation this fall and have already secured a driver's license.

Meanwhile, the costs of education continue to rise. Quality education is expensive. The Schools of the Town must constantly up-grade their programs to meet the needs of the children who will be living and working in the world of tomorrow. Increased State-aid to education is a must if the youth of the Town are to receive the training they will need in preparation for college, post-graduate programs and vocational careers.

In closing, the Superintendent would like to thank the members of the School Committee for their help and cooperation during this period of change in the school administration.

JOHN B. CURRY, JR.
Superintendent of Schools

SCHOOL FINANCIAL REPORT

Classification of School Expenditures, 1966

1000—GENERAL CONTROL	
School Committee	
Expense	$ 418.95
Superintendent of Schools	
Salaries	
Includes Supt. and Clerical	19,873.53
Expense	
Includes in and out-of-State travel, Printing, Office Supplies and Advertising	1,416.58
	$ 21,709.06
2000—INSTRUCTION	
Salaries	
Includes Principals, Supervisors, Substitutes and Tutoring	$322,678.01
Supervisor Expenses	
Includes Clerical Salaries, Office supplies	7,948.00
Instructional Supplies, Textbooks	28,459.37
	$359,085.38

3000—OTHER SCHOOL SERVICES

Salaries and Expenses		
Law Enforcement		$ 50.00
Health		6,992.16
Food Services		6,439.88
Transportation:		
Regular Routes	35,605.38	
Field Trips	851.20	
Additional Trips	3,809.60	
Parental Arrangem't	728.00	
		40,994.18
Athletic		4,510.24
Student Activity		350.00
		$59,336.46

4000—OPERATION & MAINT. OF PLANT

Salaries	
Custodial	$ 33,904.72
Expense	
Includes Supplies and Utilities	26,834.81
Repair and Replacement	14,981.85
	$ 75,721.38

5000—FIXED CHARGES

Expense	
Insurance on Band Instruments and Uniforms—Truck Registration	68.00

7000—ACQUISITION OF FIXED ASSETS

Expense	
Reading Equipment	$ 1,713.94

9000—PROGRAMS WITH OTHER SCHOOLS

Vocational Education	
Tuition, EPA	$ 433.55
Tuition, Day	11,177.20
Transportation	5,838.00

Total School Expenditures—$535,082.97

RECEIPTS

Budget, 1966	$565,680.00	
Less P.L. 874	14,241.96	$551,438.04
Less Expenditures		535,082.97
Balance returned to Town—		$ 16,355.07

REIMBURSEMENTS

Paid to Town of Belchertown from sources other than local taxation:

A. Chapter 70, School Aid		$54,416.75
B. Transportation		33,672.00
C. Supt. Reimbursement		1,666.66
D. Special Education		4,233.73
E. State Wards		
Tuition	$4,269.68	
Transp.	790.90	5,060.58
F. Vocational Ed.		
Household Arts	$1,734.61	
Tuition	7,724.06	
Transp.	2,776.50	12,225.17
		$111,274.89

RECAPITULATION

Total Cost of Schools	$535,082.97
Offset to 1967 Taxes	111,274.89
Actual Cost to town of Belchertown—1966	$423,808.08
Actual Cost to town of Belchertown—1965	$398,289.34

ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 1, 1966

School	Special Class	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Total
Cold Spr'g	11	79	78	93										261
Franklin		18	27											45
Center					110									110
Memorial						96	112							208
Jr.-Sr. High								94	82	89	75	63	67	470
Totals	11	97	105	93	110	96	112	94	82	89	75	63	67	1,094

Report of Town Clerk

FINANCIAL

Receipts	No.	Amounts
Sporting licenses (gross)	605	$3173.15
Dog licenses (gross)	659	1820.00
U.C.C. (Mortgages & Termin.)	184	468.00
Marriage Intentions	53	110.00
Pole Orders (Elec. & Tel.)	12	61.50
Registration of Businesses	3	3.00
Registration (Storage of Fuels)	26	13.00
Federal Liens	2	6.00
B-M-D Copies (Certified)	233	231.00
Sale of Town Maps	58	29.00
Totals	1835	$5914.65

Payments	To	Amount
Sporting Licenses (net)	F. & G. Div.	$3034.50
Dog Licenses (net)	Hamp. County	1655.25
Sporting License Fees	Town	138.65
Dog License Fees	Town	164.75
U.C.C. (Mort. & Term.)	Town	468.00
Marriage Intentions	Town	110.00
B-M-D Certified Copies	Town	231.00
Pole Orders	Town	61.50
Registration of Businesses	Town	3.00
Registration (stor. of fuels)	Town	13.00
Federal Liens	Town	6.00
Sale of Town Maps	Town	29.00
	Total	$5914.65

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VITAL STATISTICS

Births, marriages and deaths recorded during 1966.

Births

Place of Birth	Boys	Girls	Total
Northampton	12	11	23
Ware	6	9	15
Holyoke	6	8	14
Palmer	5	4	9
Chicopee (WAFB)	3	2	5
Springfield	1	1	2
Boston	0	1	1
Total	33	36	69

Marriages

Persons	Male	Female	Total
Resident	35	36	71
Non-resident	32	31	63
Total	67	67	134

Place of marriage	No.
Belchertown	35
Other cities & towns	26
Out of state	6
Total	67

Marriage intentions filed at Belchertown—53

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Deaths

Male—49 Female—35 Total—84

Place of death	No.
Belchertown	49
Ware	12
Holyoke	10
Springfield	3
Palmer	2
Northampton	2
Ludlow	1
Chicopee	1
Taunton	1
So. Hadley	1
Westfield	1
St. Albans, Vt.	1
Total	84

33 of the above were at the B.S.S.

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JURORS DRAWN FOR SERVICE IN 1966

Traverse

March 31, 1966
Charles F. McLean Emmons C. Smith
April 7, 1966
Gould Ketchen Antranig Juskalian
July 28, 1966
Helen L. Papp Chester J. Sosnowski
September 8, 1966
Lester M. Rhodes Herbert W. Hayward, Jr.
December 22, 1966
Arthur H. Hebert

Grand

Roger C. Merrill

ROBERT D. CAMP, SR.
Town Clerk

Jury List

Persons listed for Jury Service — 1966

Male

Austin, Lewis J.
Barrett, Warren P.
Beddington, James D
Birge, Albert B.
Bonafini, Ralph A., Sr.,
Brougham, Ralph C.
Choquette, Paul E.
Clark, Alfred H., Sr
Cole, Donald S.
Cook, Harold P.
DeWitt, Giles R.
Dyer, Clifford J.
Ferenz, William
Goodrow, Francis E
Green, Merle R.
Harrington, Stanford J.
Hayward, Herbert, Jr.
Hazen, D. Donald
Hebert, Arthur H.
Henry, Walter J.
Hodgen, Isaac A.
Holt, Clifford E.
Hubler, Miles J.
Jackson, Charles W.
Jackson, George B.
Loftus, Norman S.
Lucia, Brice Dean
McDermott, John F.
McHaffie, William N.
Meaux, Hyman A.
Merrill, Roger C.
Monks, James
Murphy, Leslie H.
Nolan, James F.
Panzer, Frederick E.
Parmenter, Albert G.
Perham, Donald
Plant, Harvey R.
Rhodes, Lester M.
Rhodes, Theodore C.
Robinson, Russell E.
Scialla, Frank
Shea, Daniel P.
Sosnowski, Chester J.
Sroka, Mitchell A.
Staples, David A.
Trombly, Ralph W.
Vanasse, Robert N.
Wheble, Sidney T., Jr.

Female

Burke, Alice M.
Camp, Edna H.
Downing, Barbara
Gawlik, Jane H.
Hill, Harriet
Knight, Margaret L.
Nelson, Margit V.
Orlando, Irene B.
Papp, Helen L
Pratt, Ann E.
Smith, Amanda
Tolpa, Eleanor

Report of Tax and Town Collector

1963 Poll Tax

Outstanding 1-1-66		$ 2.00
Abated	2.00	
O/S 12-31-66	.00	
	2.00	2.00

1961 Personal Property

Outstanding 1-1-66		.00
Paid after abatem't		44.18
Collected	44.18	
O/S 12-31-66	.00	
	44.18	44.18

1963 Personal Property

Outstanding 1-1-66		30.90
Collected	30.90	
O/S 12-31-66	.00	
	30.90	30.90

1964 Personal Property

Outstanding 1-1-66		220.88
Collected	220.88	
O/S 12-31-66	.00	
	220.88	220.88

1965 Personal Property

Outstanding 1-1-66		1,696.89
Collected	1,458.60	
Abated	19.50	
O/S 12-31-66	218.79	
	1,696.89	1,696.89

1966 Personal Property

Committed for coll.		38,452.62
Refunded		3.70
Collected	37,643.80	
Abated	111.00	
O/S 12-31-66	701.52	
	38,456.32	38,456.32

1965 Farm Animal Excise

Outstanding 1-1-66		107.25
Collected	107.25	
O/S 12-31-66	.00	
	107.25	107.25

1966 Farm Animal Excise

Committed for coll.		952.88
Collected	845.63	
O/S 21-31-66	107.25	
	952.88	952.88

1962 Real Estate

Outstanding 1-1-66		9.00
To Tax Titles	9.00	
O/S 12-31-66	.00	
	9.00	9.00

1963 Real Estate

Outstanding 1-1-66		506.40
Collected	482.40	
To Tax Titles	24.00	
O/S 12-31-66	.00	
	506.40	506.40

1964 Real Estate

Outstanding 1-1-66		6,795.51
Refunded		5.23
Collected	4,801.12	
Tax Titles	28.80	
Abated	619.42	
O/S 12-31-66	1,351.40	
	6,800.74	6,800.74

1965 Real Estate

Outstanding 1-1-66		46,304.82
Refunded		296.15
Collected	38,157.08	
Abated	245.70	
Tax Titles	401.70	
O/S 12-31-66	7,796.49	
	46,600.97	46,600.97

1966 Real Estate

Committed for coll.		547,034.65
Refunded		12,935.83
Collected	492,500.31	
Abated	28,911.37	
O/S 12-31-66	38,558.80	
	559,970.48	559,970.48

Miscellaneous Accounts/receivable (No taxes or excises)

Outstanding 1-1-66		1,138.63
Committed for coll.		1,004.89
Collected	1,118.59	
Abated	40.80	
O/S 12-31-66	984.13	
	2,143.52	2,143.42

1965 Sewer Betterm't (Appor.)

Outstanding 1-1-66		33.95
Collected	33.95	
O/S 12-31-66	.00	
	33.95	33.95

1965 Sewer Betterm't (Interest)

Outstanding 1-1-66		5.09
Collected	5.09	
O/S 12-31-66	.00	
	5.09	5.09

1966 Sewer Betterm't (Appor.)

Committed for coll.		33.74
Collected	33.74	
O/S 12-31-66	.00	
	33.74	33.74

1966 Sewer Betterm't (Interest)

Committed for coll.		5.40
Collected	5.40	
O/S 12-31-66	.00	
	5.40	5.40

1962 Sewer Charges

Outstanding 1-1-66		30.00
Collected	30.00	
O/S 12-31-66	.00	
	30.00	30.00

1963 Sewer Charges

Outstanding 1-1-66		30.00
Collected	15.00	
O/S 21-31-66	15.00	
	30.00	30.00

1964 Sewer Charges

Outstanding 1-1-66		45.00
Collected	30.00	
O/S 12-31-66	15.00	
	45.00	45.00

1965 Sewer Charges

Outstanding 1-1-66		175.00
Collected	85.00	
O/S 21-31-66	90.00	
	175.00	175.00

1966 Sewer Charges

Committed for coll.		5,380.00
Collected	5,140.00	
O/S 12-31-66	240.00	
	5,380.00	5,380.00

1963 Motor Vehicle Excise

Outstanding 1-1-66		53.91
Collected	45.11	
Abated	8.80	
O/S 12-31-66	.00	
	53.91	53.91

1964 Motor Vehicle Excise

Outstanding 1-1-66		177.17
Collected	11.00	
Abated	131.54	
O/S 21-31-66	34.63	
	177.17	117.17

1965 Motor Vehicle Excise

Outstanding 1-1-66		5,513.88
Committed 1966		6,992.58
Refunded		978.70
Paid after abatem't		16.50
Collected	10,013.85	
Abated	1,757.80	
O/S 12-31-66	1,730.01	
	13,501.66	13,501.66

1966 Motor Vehicle Excise

Committed for coll.		87,165.96
Refunded		3,593.70
Collected	74,494.04	
Abated	6,011.94	
O/S 12-31-66	10,253.68	
	90,759.66	90,759.66

Total collections during 1966 (Committed)	$666,949.72
Interest, added to bills and coll.	1,433.80
Fees, demand, warrants etc. .added & collected	1,121.00
Total coll. & pd. to Town Treas.—	$669,504.52

Report of Town Treasurer

Cash in treasury Jan. 1, 1966	$ 286,207.18
Receipts during 1966	1,414.175.19
	$1,700.382.37
Expenditures during 1966	$ 1,448,719.46
Cash in treasury 12-31-66	251,662.91
	$1,700,382.37
Income from funds on deposit in Savings Accounts	$2,013.20

Short Term Notes of 1966

No. 244 dated 4-29-66, $100,000 due 11/14/66 discounted 2.98% $1,605.87

No. 245 dated 8-19-66 $100,000 due 12/1/66 discounted 3.60% $1,000.00

Total cost (discount)—$2,605.87

During 1966 the town employed 331 persons most of whom were part time employees of the numerous departments.

Gross salaries & wages paid	$508,938.28
Less payroll deductions (taxes, ret., ins.)	96,679.31
Net wages & salaries paid	$412,258.97

REPORT OF TRUST FUNDS

Fund	Bal. 1/1/66	Withdr'n	Int.	Dep.	Bal. 12-31-66
George D. Longley (Music)	$ 2,515.33		106.43		2,621.76
Calvin Bridgman (High School	7,082.95		299.72		7,382.67
S.M.D. Bridgman (Cemetery)	578.27		24.46		602.73
Whiting Street (Poor)	12,091.20		511.66		12,602.86
Willard Stebbins (Cemetery)	1,645.55		69.62		1,715.17
Calvin Bridgman (Library)	4,329.70		183.19		4,512.89
Nellie E. Brown (Cemetery)	1,095.25	20.00	45.91		1,121.16
Perpetual Care (Cemeteries)	35,010.61	1,401.21	1,461.08	625.00	35,695.48
Vienna Somes (Cemetery)	310.75		13.13		323.48
Post War Rehabilitation	131.98		5.55		137.53
Stabilization Fund	5,965.68		252.42		6,218.10
S.M.D Bridgman Poor Fund	5,783.72		244.69		6,028.41
Totals—	$76,540.99	$1,421.21	$3,217.86	$652.00	$78,962.64

Note: $10,000 to be transferred to Stabilization Fund.

In addition to the above are 875 shares of common capital stock of the First National Bank of Amherst @ $10.00 per. This is the stock balance of the original Susan M.D. Bridgman Poor Fund in which the bequest was 35 shares of said stock @ $100 per share.

ROBERT D. CAMP, SR.
Treasurer

Balance Sheet—Dec. 31, 1966

ASSETS

Cash	$251,662.91
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE:	
Levy of 1964	
Real Estate	1,351.40
Levy of 1965	
Personal	218.79
Real Estate	7,798.82
Levy of 1966	
Personal	701.52
Real Estate	38,558.80
MOTOR VEHICLE & TRAILER EXCISE:	
Levy of 1964	34.63
Levy of 1965	1,730.01
Levy of 1966	10,253.68
FARM ANIMAL EXCISE:	
Levy of 1966	107.25
SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS:	
SEWERS:	
Levy of 1963	15.00
Levy of 1964	15.00
Levy of 1965	90.00
Levy of 1966	240.00
Deferred Assessments: Not due	193.66
TAX TITLES & TAX POSSESSIONS:	
Tax Titles	125.32
Tax Possessions	704.93
DEPARTMENTAL:	
O.A.A.	226.46
A.F.D.C.	322.60
Ambulance	60.00
Highways	972.12
AID TO HIGHWAYS:	
State	8,114.77
OVERDRAFTS:	
State Recreation Areas	618.82
Overlay of 1964	619.42
Overlay of 1965	214.50
Overlay of 1966	12,244.42
Mass. Hospital Services	7.28
DOG OFFICER FEES	102.00
	$337,304.11

LIABILITIES

County Tax	508.75
Sales Tax	7.19
PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS:	
Group Life	.05
Insurance Reserve	712.41
Road Machinery Earnings	4,227.92
Agency:	
Dog Licenses	9.75
Tailings	1,179.10
TRUST FUNDS:	
Susan M.D. Bridgman Fund	3,515.30
Stabilization Fund	10,000.00
War Memorial	4.49
Walter Pratt, Private Fund	3.00
FEDERAL GRANTS:	
O.A.A.	4,294.39
M.A.A	317.84
A.F.D.C.	1,311.13
D.A.	717.09
M.A.	4,817.11
Public Law 874-Title I	8,848.33
Public Law 85-864-Title III	786.59
Public Law 85-864-Title V	89.22
Public Law 89-10	798.00
REVOLVING FUNDS:	
High School Athletic	1,042.25
School Lunch	8,362.79
APPROPRIATIONS BALANCES	100,227.71
SALE OF REAL ESTATE	3,363.68
PROFIT —	
SALE OF LAND OF LOW VALUE	1,715.48
SALE OF CEMETERY LOTS	297.50
RESERVE FUND— OVERLAY SURPLUS	2,792.81
REVENUE RESERVED UNTIL COLLECTED:	
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise	12,018.32
Farm Animal Excise	107.25
Special Assesments	553.66
Tax Titles and Tax Possessions	830.25
Departmental	1,581.18
Aid to Highways	8,114.77
SURPLUS REVENUE	144,870.92
	$337,304.11

TRUST AND INVESTMENT FUNDS

TRUST AND INVESTMENT FUNDS:	
Cash and securities in custody of the Treasurer	$ 82,138.76

In Custody of Treasurer:	
Susan M.D. Bridgman Cemetery Fund	602.73
Nellie E. Brown Cemetery Fund	1,121.16
Calvin Bridgman Library Fund	4,512.98
George D. Longley Music Fund	2,621.76
Calvin Bridgman High School Fund	7,382.67
Whiting Street Poor Fund	12,602.86
Susan M.D. Bridgman Poor Fund	9,528.41
Willard Stebbins Cemetery Fence Fund	1,715.17
Cemetery Perpetual Care	35,695.48
Post War Rehabilitation	137.53
Stabilization Fund	6,218.10
	$ 82,138.76

DEBT ACCOUNT

NET FUNDED OF FIXED DEBT:	
Inside the debt limit General	60,000.00
Outside the debt limit	878,000.00
	$938,000.00

SERIAL LOANS:	
Inside the debt limit	
Sewer Loan of 1949	11,000.00
School Building Loan—Acts of 1949	49,000.00
Outside the debt limit	
School Building Loan of 1952	66,000.00
New Jr.-Sr. High Loan of 1963	780,000.00
School Building Loan of 1963	32,000.00
	$938,000.00

DEBT STATEMENT—1966

Loan	Loan Issued	Rate
Sewer Construction Loan	1949	2.5
School Building Loan	1951	2.1
School Building Loan	1952	2.1
New Jr.-Sr. High School Loan	1963	3.1
New Jr.-Sr. High School Loan	1963	3.0

Dec. 31, 1965 Outstanding	Paid in 1966	Outstanding Dec. 31, 1966	Due in 1967
13,000.00	2,000.00	11,000.00	2,000.00
77,000.00	11,000.00	66,000.00	11,000.00
58,000.00	9,000.00	49,000.00	9,000.00
830,000.00	50,000.00	780,000.00	50,000.00
47,000.00	15,000.00	32,000.00	12,000.00

Itemized Report of Receipts And Expenditures

REPORT OF APPROPRIATIONS & EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1966

	Annual 1966 Town Meeting Appropriations		Additions & Prior Bal. Transfers	Available Amount for expense	Expenditures	Balance
GENERAL GOVERNMENT						
Moderator	25.00			25.00		25.00
Selectmen, Salaries	2,575.00			2,575.00	2,575.00	
Selectmen, Expense	1,500.00	B	155.00	1,650.00	1,648.08	6.92
Town Accountant, Salary	1,300.00			1,300.00	1,300.00	
Town Account, Expense	325.00	B	75.00	400.00	350.00	49.14
Treasurer, Salary	2,200.00			2,200.00	2,200.00	
Treasurer, Expense	1,435.00	B	22.00	1,655.00	1,655.00	
Collector, Salary	2,400.00			2,400.00	2,400.00	
Collector, Expense	1,950.00	B	38.00	1,988.00	1,988.00	
Assessors, Salaries	1,600.00			1,600.00	1,600.00	
Assessors, Expense	3,100.00			3,100.00	3,098.13	1.87
Printing Evaluation & Taxation Books	1,000.00	B	200.00	1,200.00	1,200.00	
Finance Committee	150.00			150.00	135.49	14.51
Town Clerk, Salary	1,000.00			1,000.00	1,000.00	
Town Clerk, Expense	875.00			875.00	875.00	
Law Account	800.00	B	401.70	1,201.70	1,179.20	22.50
Election & Registration	2,865.00	B	66.00	2,931.00	2,931.00	
Planning Board	500.00			500.00	280.42	219.58
Board of Appeals	50.00			50.00	37.15	12.85
Zoning Officer, Salary	300.00	B	200.00	500.00	500.00	
Zoning Officer, Expense	200.00	B	10.00	210.00	210.00	
Conservation Commission	100.00			100.00	29.96	70.04
Old Town Hall	1,250.00	BC	852.25	2,102.25	1,868.95	233.30

	Annual 1966 Town Meeting Appropriations		Additions & Prior Bal. Transfers	Available Amount for expense	Expenditures	Balance
Lawrence Memorial Hall	3,200!00	BC	275.00	3,475.00	3,404.67	70.33
Town Garage	1,200.00			1,200.00	1,200.00	
PUBLIC SAFETY						
Police Department	18,500.00			18,500.00	17,927.26	572.74
New Cruiser	2,000.00			2,000.00	1,992.43	7.57
Fire Department	4,700.00			4,700.00	4,495.11	204.89
Water Storage Holes	700.00			700.00	237.94	462.06
Hydrant Service	2,500.00			2,500.00	2,500.00	
Insect Pest Control	700.00			700.00	697.60	2.40
Dutch Elm Disease	1,200.00			1,200.00	1,199.10	.90
Tree Warden	1,700.00			1,700.00	1,699.10	.90
Tree Services, Utilities	350.00			350.00		350.00
Forest Fire ccAount	1,200.00			1,200.00	1,182.95	17.05
Wire Inspector	300.00			300.00	300.00	
Sealing Weights & Measures	175.00			175.00	165.00	10.00
Plumbing Inspector	300.00			300.00	300.00	
Dog Officer	270.00			270.00	113.25	156.75
Civil Defense, Salary	150.00			150.00	112.50	37.50
Civil Defense Expense	150.00			150.00	76.36	73.64
HEALTH AND SANITATION						
Board of Health, Salaries	350.00			350.00	350.00	
Board of Health, Expense	2,650.00			2,650.00	1,500.13	1,149.87
Sewer Comm., Salaries	500.00			500.00	500.00	
Sewer Maintenance	4,700.00		1,904.06	6,604.06	6,604.06	
Town Dump	1,300.00		700.00	2,000.00	1,810.32	189.68
HIGHWAYS						
Chapter 81	32,825.00			32,825.00	32,825.00	
Chapter 90-C	18,000.00	A	50,875.75	68,875.75	37,816.57	31,059.18
Chapter 90-M	9,300.00			9,300.00	7,455.98	1,844.02
East Walnut	6,000.00			6,000.00	5,213.17	786.83
Streets	1,800.00			1,800.00	1,795.03	4.97
Brush Cutting	2,500.00			2,500.00	2,496.70	3.30
Bardwell Street	1,200.00			1,200.00	1,199.60	.40
Eskett Road	1,200.00	B	21.83	1,221.83	1,221.83	
Federal Street	450.00			450.00	450.00	
Gold Street	375.00	B	17.43	392.43	392.43	
Gulf Street	1,200.00			1,200.00	1,199.59	.41
Knight Street	600.00			600.00	600.00	
Orchard Street	1,200.00			1,200.00	1,199.31	.69
Pine Street	1,200.00			1,200.00	1,199.48	.52
Rural Road	800.00			800.00	792.62	7.38
Shaw Street	1,200.00			1,200.00	1,199.07	.93
Sidewalks	200.00			200.00		200.00
Winter Employment	5,000.00	A	407.90	5,407.90	5,404.97	2.93
Bridges	4,148.00			4,148.00	4,145.98	2.02
Snow Removal	10,000.00	B	870.00	10,870.00	10,868.40	1.60
Road Machinery Exp.	8,000.00	BC	693.05	8,693.05	8,680.21	12.84
Street Lighting	8,089.00			8,089.00	7,595.97	493.03
New Truck	8,000.00			8,000.00	8,787.00	13.00
Slide-In Sander	2,385.00			2,385.00	2,385.00	
Land Damages—Stebbins St.	850.00			850.00	333.32	516.68

	Annual 1966 Town Meeting Appropriations		Additions & Prior Bal. Transfers	Available Amount for expense	Expenditures	Balance
PUBLIC WELFARE						
Public Welfare, Salaries	675.00			675.00	675.00	
Public Assistance	49,000.00	AC	1,578.86	50,578.86	38,020.16	12,558.70
VETERANS' BENEFITS						
Veterans' Agent, Salary	300.00			300.00	300.00	
Benefits	8,200.00			8,200.00	6,560.87	1,639.13
SCHOOL DEPARTMENT						
#1000, Administration	212,760.00			21,760.00	21,709.06	50.94
#2000, Instructions	364,383.04			364,383.04	359.085.38	5,297.66
#3,000, Other Services	61,135.00			61,135.00	59,336.46	1,798.54
#4000, Operation	81,085.00			81,085.00	75,721.38	5,363.62
#5000, Fixed Charges	350.00			350.00	68.00	282.00
#7000, Fixed Assets	2,005.00			2,005.00	1,713.94	291.06
#9000, Programs/w other schools	20,720.00			20,720.00	17,448.75	3,271.25
New Jr.-Sr. High	45,924.84	AC		45,924.84	21,604.92	24,319.92
Clapp Memorial Library	5,221.65	A	38.94	5,561.59	5,537.58	24.01
RECREATION AND UNCLASSIFIED						
Parsons Field	700.00			700.00	311.29	388.71
Town Common	350.00			350.00	319.57	30.43
Summer Recreation	1,490.00			1,490.00	1,280.77	209.23
Unclassified Account	300.00			300.00	234.41	65.59
Unpaid Bills of 1965	3,488.94			3,488.94	3,488.94	
Printing Town Reports	1,050.00	B	91.32	1,141.32	1,141.32	
Patriotic Exercises	260.00			260.00	184.62	75.38
Veterans' Graves	200.00			200.00		200.00
Insurance Account	14,284.98	C	275.23	14,560.21	14,157.31	202.90
Reserve Fund	5,000.00			5,00.00	4,595.34	404.66
Pensions	11,787.98			11,787.98	11,787.08	.90
CEMETERIES						
Ceemtery Comm., Salaries	350.00			350.00	350.00	
Cemetery Expense	5,530.00	A	1,359.06	6,889.06	5,372.33	1,516.73
INTEREST AND MATURING DEBT						
Interest	32,905.87			322,905.87	32,905.87	
Maturing Debt	87,000.00			87,000.00	87,000.00	
Blue Cross-Blue Shield	6,320.00			6,320.00	5,984.37	337.64
Group Insurance	939.00			939.00	870.97	68.03

A—Balance from 1965
B—Transfers
C—Refunds

Report of Town Accountant

RECEIPTS
1966

GENERAL REVENUE

TAXES:	
Current Year:	
Property	530,144.11
Previous Years:	
Property	45,195.16
Other Local	
Tax Redemptions	820.25
Farm Animal	952.88
Lieu of Taxes	1,179.27
From the State:	
Income	11,750.00
Valuation Basis	6,407.55
Corporation	33,320.49
Chapter 70	63,153.22
	692,922.93

LICENSES AND PERMITS

LICENSES:	
All Alcoholic	3,275.00
All other	396.67
PERMITS:	
Marriage	104.00
	3,775.67

FINES AND FORFEITS:

Court	665.00
Departmental Penalties	1,195.90
	1,860.90

GRANTS AND GIFTS

Grants from Federal Government	49,817.74
Grants from State	127,292.92
Grants from County	11,906.34
	189,017.20

COMMERCIAL REVENUE

SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS:	
Sewers	5,300.00
Apportionment	67.69
	5,367 69

PRIVILEGES

Motor Vehicle Excise	84,564.00

DEPARTMENTAL

FINANCIAL:	
Collector Fees	1,276.50
Other General Departments:	
Town Clerk Fees	983.65
Board of Appeals	50.00
Zoning	397.00
Municipal Buildings:	
Rental	99.00
	2,806.15

PUBLIC SAFETY

POLICE DEPARTMENT:	
Miscellaneous	220.20
Sale of equipment	35.00
FIRE DEPARTMENT:	
Miscellaneous	3.00
FORESTRY:	
Planting and trimming trees	134.00
FOREST FIRE:	
Miscellaneous	915.90
OTHER PUBLIC SAFETY:	
Sealing Weights & Measures	147.05
Dog Officer	1,037.00
	22,494.15

HEALTH AND SANITATION

HEALTH:	
Premature Births	587.34
Miscellaneous	75.00
	662.34

HIGHWAYS

Snow and Sanding	609.00
Miscellaneous	624.50
General	5,857.25
Sale of material	239.70
	7,330.70

PUBLIC WELFARE

General Relief:	
Towns	873.33
Disability Assistance:	
State	1,766.82
Aid to Dependent Children:	
State	7,268.92
Old Age Assistance:	
State	8,970.36
Medical Assistance for Aged:	
State	11,879.27
	30,758.70

VETERANS' SERVICES

Reimbursement for Relief from the State	5,225.81

SCHOOLS

TUITION OF STATE WARDS	8,503.41
TRANSPORTATION OF STATE WARDS	34,462.90
Miscellaneous:	
Food Services (Lunches)	41,233.98
Athletic Accounts	942.75
Other	152.12
	90,520.97

UNCLASSIFIED

RECEIPTS NOT PREVIOUSLY RECORDED:	
Tailings	1,168.00
Old Age Recovery	3,000.00
Rent of property not used for Municipal purposes	310.00
Certification of Liens	3.00
	4,481.00

CEMETERIES

Sale of lots	170.50
Care of Endowed Lots	587.50
Miscellaneous.	2,934.21

ADMINISTRATION OF TRUST FUNDS

Total Trust Funds	2,077.51

INTEREST

On deposits	1,730.88
On deferred taxes	1,464.25
On deferred special Assessments	10.49
On investment funds	332.60
	3,538.22

MUNICIPAL INDEBTEDNESS

Temporary loans	200,000.00

AGENCY, TRUST AND INVESTMENT

AGENCY:	
Dog licenses for the County	1,655.25
Sporting licenses for the State	3,044.50

TRUST:

Federal Withholding	58,993.03
Retirement	5,038.50
State Withholding	8,341.16
Mass. Hospital Service	7,064.54
Group Life	949.02
Insurance Reserve	712.41
Sales Tax	7.19
	85,805.60

TOTAL CASH, BEGINNING OF YEAR	286,207.18
GRAND TOTAL RECEIPTS AND CASH ON HAND	1,700,382.37

EXPENDITURES

1966

SELECTMEN:

Salaries	2,575.00
Expenses:	
Association Dues	2,575.00
Association Meetings	158.72
Clerical	438.13
Telephone	160.77
Printing & Postage	44.75
Office Supplies	44.75
Mileage	202.26
Legal Notices	44.30
Janitor	15.00
Repairs—equipment	61.45
Engraving plaque	13.74
	1,648.08

TOWN ACCOUNTANT:

Salary	1,300.00
Expense:	
Association Dues	5.00
Printing & Postage	10.85
Office Supplies	90.57
Training Wages	220.40
New Equipment	24.04
	350.86

STATE AUDIT	3,895.30

TREASURER:

Salary	2,200.00
Expense:	
Association Dues	6.00
Bonds	229.00
Printing & Postage	307.37
Clerical	692.30
Office supplies & repairs	328.73
Mileage	87.60
Safe Deposit box	4.00
	1,650.00

COLLECTOR:

Salary	2,400.00
Expense:	
Association Dues	9.00
Bond	389.00
Printing & Postage	557.70
Clerical	881.65
Office supplies	82.96
Mileage	5.14
Notary Fees	21.00
New equipment	41.55
	1,988.00

ASSESSORS:

Salaries	1,600.00
Expense:	
Association Dues	25.00
Clerical	1,182.00
Printing & Postage	159.14
Telephone	155.35
Maintaining Valuation	802.00
Mileage	49.50
Repairs & Replacements	44.00
Office Supplies and Equipment	425.74
Transfers	143.40
Wills & Deeds	12.00
Court	25.00
Assessors school	75.00
	3,098.13

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Association dues	25.00
Association meeting	49.50
Office equipment	60.99
	135.49

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Association dues	25.00
Other	4.96
	29.96

PRINTING 1966 EVALUATION & TAXATION REPORTS	1,200.00

TOWN CLERK:

Salary	1,000.00
Expense:	
Association dues	14.00
Bond	20.00
Printing & Postage	76.20
Clerical	296.70
Telephone	164.75
Office Supplies	201.38
Repairs & replacements	82.86
Janitor Service	5.00
Miscellaneous	14.11
	875.00

LAW:

Town Attorney	1,101.70
All other	77.50
	1,179.20

ELECTION & REGISTRATIONS:

Registrars	415.01
Cert. of petitions	4.50
Election officers	1,489.07
Posting warrant	20.00
Printing & Postage	85.18
Transportation	16.00
Street Listing	457.10
Clerical	87.00
Legal notices	164.87
Office supplies & equip.	192.27
	2,931.00

PLANNING BOARD:

Professional Services	253.00
Clerical	6.00
Office supplies	5.17
Association meeting	7.50
Conferences	8.75
	280.42

BOARD OF APPEALS:

Clerical	24.50
Postage	9.90
Hearing notices	22.75
	37.15

OLD TOWN HALL:

Janitor	230.40
Fuel	356.49
Repairs & replacement	252.89
New roof	950.00
Janitor supplies	5.66
Lights	73.51
	1,868.95

LAWRENCE MEMORIAL HALL:

Janitor	135.00
Lights	342.01
Maintenance	408.56
Removal of stump	62.00
New rail	115.00
Renovating lower hall	2,342.10
	3,404.67

ZONING BY-LAW OFFICER:

Salary	500.00
Expenses	210.00

TOWN GARAGE

Wages	373.81
Lights	98.52

Telephone	126.08
Fuel	338.40
Water	55.83
Postage	5.00
Paint	23.75
Cold patch	21.60
All other	157.01
	1,200.00

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Wages	14,073.27
Clerical	260.00
Association Dues	15.00
Office Supplies	144.97
Telephone	266.79
Law	60.00
Radio Service	204.82
Repairs, small equip.	45.50
Oil and gas	1,704.22
Cruiser repairs	143.37
Ambulance repairs	144.61
Pickup repairs	4.00
Dry cleaning	47.50
Printing and postage	102.90
Film and bulbs	16.48
Tires and tubes	73.80
Refill oxygen tanks	13.50
Coats and badges	195.46
Inspection and registration	9.00
Emblems	32.32
Office equipment	159.75
Electric Siren	210.00
	17,927.26

WILD CAT BOUNTY	20.00
NEW POLICE CRUISER	1,992.43

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Association dues	13.00
Chief salary	300.00
Outdoor permits	135.55
Maintenance	97.26
Burner service and fuel	363.25
Snow removal	45.00
Radio service	47.50
Boots, coats, badges	21.36
New equipment	1,772.45
Telephone	398.40
Lights	155.66
State inspection	10.00
Oil and gas	60.42
Tires and tubes	109.00
Repairs & replacement—equipment	908.62
Recharging extinguisher	14.37
Office supplies	34.50
Dry cleaning	4.50
Other	4,27
	4,495.11

WATER STORAGE HOLES:

Equipment	176.00
Culverts	61.94
	237.94

HYDRANT SERVICE	2,500.00

INSECT PEST CONTROL

Wages	217.60
Spray	90.00
Equipment	390.00
	697.60

DUTCH ELM DISEASE

Wages	693.60
Equipment	505.50
	1,199.10

TREE WARDEN

Association dues	10.00
All other wages	891.10
Equipment	633.00
New trees	165.00
	1,699.10

FOREST FIRE ACCOUNT

Wages	1,182.95
WIRE INSPECTOR	300.00

SEALING WEIGHTS & MEASURES

Wages	153.95
All other	11.05
	165.00

PLUMBING & GAS INSPECTOR	300 00

DOG OFFICER

Fees	1,054.00
Expenses:	
Advertising & postage	19.25
Burying dogs	20.00
Investigating complaints	74.00
	113.25

CIVILIAN DEFENSE:

Expense:	
Director—Salary	300.00
Office supplies	37.40
Mileage	38.96
	76.36

BOARD OF HEALTH

Salaries	350.00
Expenses:	
Agent's salary	395.00
Agent's expense	187.00
Animal Inspector salary	300.00
Association dues	6.00
Printing, postage office supplies	70.68
Clerical	77.00
Pest control	132.00
Mileage	27.00
Premature births	180.57
Telephone	10.98
Clinics	103.10
All other	10.80
	1,500.13

TOWN DUMP

Caretakers wages	480.00
Bulldozing	522.00
All other wages	272.62
Equipment	380.00
Gravel	140.70
Signs	15.00
	1,810.32

SEWER MAINTENANCE:

Commissioners wages	500.00
Maintenance:	
Wages	1,920.89
Equipment	626.50
Material	127.45
Clerical	16.00
Sewer disposal	2,997.32
Small tools & equip.	246.71
Sewer pipe	499.77
Repairs	155.27
Gas and oil	14.15
	6.604.06

HIGHWAYS, CHAPTER 81:

Wages	10,395.02
Insurance	711.59
Equipment	7,601.35
Material	7,411.06
Snow:	
Wages	2,106.70
Equipment	2,634.70
Salt	1,667.04
Sand	297.54
	32,825.00

HIGHWAYS, CHAPTER 90C:

Wages	600.50
Equipment	319.70
Contractor, Stebbins St.	36,641.70
Grates, frames, inlets	150.00
Anchor blocks	104.65
	37,816.57

HIGHWAYS, CHAPTER 679

Wages	157.36
Equipment	4.00
Material	3,853.26
Berm	385.38
	4,400.00

HIGHWAYS, CHAPTER 822, KNIGHT STREET

Wages	265.23
Equipment	15.89
	281.12

HIGHWAYS, CHAPTER 822, EAST WALNUT STREET:

Wages	716.80
Town equipment	347.60
Hired equipment	1,025.50
Material	227.90
Frames and grates	694.95
Drilling and blasting	56.15
Catch basins	493.00
	3,561.90

HIGHWAYS, CHAPTER 90-M

Wages	2,923.80
Equipment	1,083.25
Material	3,295.38
Guard Rail	152.95
	7,455.98

HIGHWAYS, STREETS

Wages	1,279.98
Equipment	44.00
Material	25.50
Advertising	2.40
Drilling & Blasting	194.55
Removing stump	146.00
All other	35.60
	1,795.03

HIGHWAYS, EAST WALNUT ST.

Wages	1,812.51
Equipment	1,776.75
Berm	42.12
Material	1,427.99
Surveyor	21.70
All other	132.10
	5,213.17

HIGHWAYS, BARDWELL ST.

Wages	385.15
Equipment	126.70
Material	687.75
	1,199.60

HIGHWAYS, ESKETT ROAD

Wages	223.47
Equipment	584.45
Material	413.91
	1,221.83

HIGHWAYS, FEDERAL ST.

Wages	25.10
Drilling & Blasting	380.90
Equipment	44.00
	450.00

HIGHWAYS, GOLD ST.

Wages	45.64
Equipment	218.83
Material	127.96
	392.43

HIGHWAYS, GULF ROAD

Wages	275.44
Equipment	924.15
	1,199.59

HIGHWAYS, KNIGHT ST.

Wages	210.00
Material	359.95
Equipment	176.00
	745.95

HIGHWAYS, ORCHARD ROAD

Wages	126.50
Material	764.76
Equipment	308.04
	1,199.31

HIGHWAYS, PINE STREET

Wages	494.98
Equipment	453.50
Material	251.00
	1,199.48

HIGHWAYS, RURAL ROAD:

Wages	225.52
Equipment	494.84
Material	72.26
	792.26

HIGHWAYS, SHAW STREET

Wages	112.32
Contractor	800.00
Equipment	286.75
	1,199.07

HIGHWAYS, BRUSH CUTTING:

Wages	1,463.70
Equipment	1,033.00
	2,496.70

HIGHWAYS, WINTER EMPLOYMENT:

Wages	4,404.34
Equipment	49.50
Material	951.13
	5,404.97

HIGHWAYS, BRIDGES:

Wages	809.10
Lumber	698.71
Equipment	525.25
Culverts	1,345.12
Paint	209.92
Red Bridge	463.75
All other	94.13
	4,145.98

NEW HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT TRUCK	8,787.00

HIGHWAYS, SNOW REMOVAL

Wages	2,210.26
Equipment	4,314.50
Plowing parking lot	340.00
Sand	1,267.86
Salt	2,571.18
Cutting edges	139.84
All other	24.76
	10,868.40

HIGHWAYS, ROAD MACHINERY EXPENSE

Wages	278.53
REPAIRS TO:	
Brockway	573.70
Sander # 1	1,312.08
Sander # 2	506.27
Grader	257.61
Ford # 1	286.61
Tractor-loader	1,110.28
Chevy pick-up	387.83
Dodge	71.00
Ford # 2	34.87
Hired Sweeper	14.75
Small Tools and equipment	28.40
Tires and chains	261.92
Welding	28.50
Grease	54.99
Gas tank	155.00
Mobil Oil Co.	1,882.22
Oil and gas	336.69
Stock	447.50
Hand tools	187.55
Association dues	2.00
Licenses and tax	102.00
Hired equipment	55.00
All other	109.30
Fuel	133.23
Cutting edges	62.38
	8,680.21

STREET LIGHTING	7,595.97
HIGHWAYS, SLIDE-IN SANDER	2,385.00
HIGHWAYS, LAND DAMAGES, STEBBINS ST.	333.32

PUBLIC WELFARE:

Salaries	675.00
PUBLIC ASSISTANCE	38,020.16

VETERANS' BENEFITS:

Agent's salary	300.00
Ordinary benefits	4,572.94
Fuel	488.11
Medication	729.70
Doctors	140.00
Hospital	579.20
Veterans' Information Service	9.00
Office Supplies	41.92
	6,860.87

FEDERAL GRANTS:

O.A.A.	15,126.80
M.A.A.	12,360.70
A.R.D.C.	6,378.60
D.A.	1,390.45
	35,256.55

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT, #1000:

School Committee Expense	248.75
Superintendent's salary	11,173.12
Clerical expense	8,700.41
Superintendent expense	512.65
Office supplies	203.68
Printing & postage	146.00
Conferences	452.86
Professional literature	56.44
Petty Cash	80.00
All other	135.15
	21,709.06

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT, #2000:

Teachers' salaries	315,935.81
Substitutes' salaries	5,489.50
Clerical salaries	5,915.97
Teachers' supplies & textbooks	8,684.15
Home instruction	613.00
Classroom expense	16,066.76
Science supplies & equip.	1,449.54
Postage	205.00
Library	485.30
All other	4,240.35
	359.085.38

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT, #3000:

Nurses' salary	5,542.66
Substitute nurses salary	80.00
Attendance officer	50.00
School physicians salary	500.00
School lunch directors salary	4,299.88
All other school lunch salaries	2,140.00
Substitute nurses travel	2.08
Transportation	41,109.35
Health	844.01
Referees	3,980.22
Dry cleaning	193.80
Senior class chaperones	350.00
Police	140.00
All other	104.46
	59,336.46

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT, #4000:

Janitors salaries	33,382.32
Janitors supplies	5,930.99
Telephone	1,872.52
Fuel	9,756.15
Utilities	9,686.22
Water	476.75
Rubbish removal	683.00
Snow removal and care of grounds	3,074.81
Repairs & replacements	10,667.56
Janitors travel	100.00
All other	91.06
	75,721.38

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT, #5000:

Insurance & registration	68.00

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT, #7000:

Equipment	1,713.94

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT, #9000:

Transportation	10,158.33
Tuition	7,290.42
	17,448.75

NEW JUNIOR-SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL:

Construction of school	1,354.83
Office supplies	144.45
Paint	310.82
Furnishings & equip.	10,241.99
Repairs	460.59
Architect	3,021.35
Contractor	2,975.00
Clerk of works	100.00
Library	2,487.89
Paving	508.00
	21,604.92

HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC	1,369.19
PUBLIC LAW 874, TITLE I	14,783.63
PUBLIC LAW 89-10	1,250.00
PUBLIC LAW 88-210	518.00
SMITH HUGHES — GEORGE BARDEN FUND	1,326.00
VOCATIONAL REGIONAL SCHOOL PLANNING COMMITTEE	25.00

SCHOOL LUNCH:

Wages	17,553.75
Transportation of food	234.80
Food	35,128.23
All other	4,054.52
	56,971.30

CLAPP MEMORIAL LIBRARY:

Wages	2,537.85
Lights	220.37
Fuel	622.35
Books and periodicals	1,604.75
Office supplies	22.10
Insurance	334.60
Mileage	61.12
Telephone	56.48
Tree service	76.00
All other	1.96
	5,537.58

PARSONS FIELD:

Lights	17.75
Mowing and raking	160.00
All other	133.54
	311.29

TOWN COMMON:

Lights	39.83
Wages	39.89
Mowing and raking	200.00
Flag	9.85
Loam	30.00
	319.57

SUMMER RECREATION:

Swimming instructor	250.00
Wages	40.00
Lifeguard	539.79
Police officer	30.00
Lights	17.50
Mowing and raking	26.00
Telephone	15.79
Paint	55.92
Plans	50.00
All other	255.77
	1,280.77

PATRIOTIC EXERCISES

Memorial Day services	135.79
Veterans' Day services	48.83
	184.62

INSURANCE	14,160.31
TOWN CLOCK	150.00
PRINTING TOWN REPORTS	1,141.32
RETIREMENT, TOWN SHARE	11,787.08
UNCLASSIFIED	234.41
UNPAID BILLS—1965	3,488.94
COUNTY SANITORIUM ASSESSMENT	3,953.51
COUNTY TAX	23,702.45

CEMETERY:	
Commissioners' salaries	350.00
Expenses:	
Wages	800.75
Opening & closing graves	505.86
Mowing	3,280.10
Snow removal	144.00
Office supplies	16.08
Grading	450.20
Small tools	123.64
All other	51.70
	5,372.33

INTEREST:	
1949 Sewer Loan	325.00
1952 School Loan	1,617.00
1952 School Loan	1,218.00
1963 Jr.-Sr. High Loan	25,730.00
Temporary Loans	2,605.87
1964 School Loan	1,410.00
	32,905.87

MATURING DEBT:	
General Debt	87,000.00
Temporary Loans	200,000.00
	287,000.00

TRUST FUNDS:	
Susan M.D. Bridgman Fund	586.93
Nellie E. Brown Cemetery Fund	20.00
Cemetery Perpetual Care	600.00
Susan M.D. Bridgman Income	100.00
Walter Pratt, Private Trust Fund	3.00
Eugene Dixon, Private Trust Fund	829.51
	2,139.44

AGENCY:	
Sporting Licenses	2,399.50
Dog Licenses	1,650.75
	4,050.25

MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAX	434.40
STATE ASSESSMENT SYSTEM	230.32

PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS:	
Federal withholding	51,416.63
Retirement	4,375.54
State withholding	7,302.64
Hospital Service	13,058.20
Group Insurance	1,820.97
	77,973.98

REFUNDS	
Taxes:	
Current Year	12,935.83
Previous Years	307.41
Motor Vehicle & Trailer Excise	4,588.90
	17,832.14
	$1,448,719.46
CASH ON HAND DECEMBER 31, 1966	251,662.91
	$1,700.382.37

Town Meeting Warrants And Action Taken

Moderator—Charles W. Jackson

Meeting called to order at 7:31 P.M.

Voters present 207 Quorum required — 25

Invocation by Rev. Elvert F. Miller

By direction of the Moderator the Town Clerk read the return of the Warrant.

Art. 1. Nominated Mrs. Sophia Pero and Mrs. Ruth B. Fuller as Almoners of the Whiting Street and the Mrs. Susan M. D. Bridgman Funds, each for one year; Mr. George A. Poole as trusted of the Calvin Bridgman Fund for three years. (Vote, Yes Unanimous)

Art. 2. Voted to accept the reports of the officers of the town and any committee that may have been appointed by the town with the exception of the Finance Committee. (Vote, Yes Unanimous)

Art. 3. Voted to appropriate to the Clapp Memorial Library the balance of $726.15 of the Dog License refund of 1965 after damages are paid. (Vote, Yes unanimous)

Art. 4. Voted to authorize the Assessors, the Cemetery Commissioners, the Sewer Commissioners, and the Tree Warden to appoint themselves to work in their various departments for the ensuing year, not to exceed the following hourly rates:

Assessors	$2.00 per hour
Cemetery Commissioners	2.00 per hour
Sewer Commissioners	2.00 per hour
Tree Warden	2.00 per hour

(Vote, Yes Unanimous)

Art. 5 Voted to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of revenue of the municipal year beginning January 1, 1966, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, General Laws. (Vote, Yes Unanimous)

Art. 6. Voted to appropriate from the Insurance Reserve Account the sum of $651.15 to the Insurance Account. (Vote, Yes Unanimous)

Art. 7. Voted to transfer the sum of $6,000.00 from the Road Machinery Earnings Account to the Road Machinery Expense Account. (Vote, Yes Unanimous)

Art. 8. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $4,500.00 and that $28,325.00 be transferred from available funds in the treasury for Chapter 81 Highways. (Vote, Yes Unanimous)

Art. 9. Voted to appropriate from Chapter 679 Funds the sum of $6,000.00 and that the sum of $18,000.00 be transferred from available funds in the treasury for Chapter 90 Highways Construction, Program for 1966. (Vote, Yes Unanimous)

Art. 10. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $1,000.00 and transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury the sum of $7,000.00 for Chapter 90 Maintenance. (Vote, Yes Unanimous)

Art. 11. Voted to raise and appropriate the following sums of money for improvement of the following streets, all public ways:

Bardwell Street	$1,200.00
Eskett Street	1,200.00
Knight's Street	600.00
Federal Street	450.00
Shaw Street	1,200.00
Orchard Road	1,200.00
Pine Street	1,200.00
Rural Road	800.00
Gulf Road	1,200.00
Gold Street	375.00

(Vote, Yes Unanimous)

Art. 12. Voted that the sum of $8,800.00 be transferred from available funds in the treasury for the purchase of a new truck for the Highway Department. (Vote, Yes Majority)

Art. 13. Voted that the sum of $2,385.00 be transferred from available funds in the treasury for the purchase of a slide-in box sander for the Highway Department. (Vote, Yes Majority)

Art. 14. Voted to fix the salaries and compensation of all elected officers of the town, as provided for by Section 108 of Chapter 41 of the General Laws, as amended; and to raise and appropriate, or appropriate from available funds, monies for departmental and incidental expenses of the town for the ensuing year; and that the various major categories of the budget as contained in the Finance Committee's report be separately considered and acted upon; and further that these sums of money granted and appropriated for the several specific purposes therein designated, be expended only for these purposes as specifically designated under the direction of the respective officers, boards and committees of the town. (Vote, Yes Unanimous) — (See separate sheets for itemized appropriations)

Art. 15. Voted the sum of $5000.00 be transferred from the Overlay Reserve Account to the Reserve Fund. (Vote, Yes Unanimous)

Art. 16. Voted the sum of $2000.00 be transferred from available funds in the treasury for the purchase of a new Police Cruiser. (Vote, Yes Unanimous)

Art. 17. Voted the sum of $850.00 be raised and appropriated to pay for land damages incurred in the reconstruction of Stebbins Street. (Vote, Yes Unanimous)

Art. 18. Voted, no action be taken. (Vote, Yes Majority)

Art. 19. Voted, no action be taken. (Vote, Yes Majority)

Art. 20. Voted to amend the Town By-Laws to include the following regulations:

Article 11A — Unregistered Autmobiles and Trucks

Sec. 1. The keeping of more than one unregistered automobile or truck, assembled or disassembled, except by a person licensed under General Laws, Chapter 140 Section 59, on any premises shall not be permitted, unless said automobiles or trucks are stored within an enclosed building.

Sec. 2. A special permit to keep more than one unregistered automobile or truck on any premises not within an enclosed building may be granted by the Board of Selectmen, if it finds that such keeping (1) is in harmony with the general purposes and intent of this By-Law; (2) will not adversely affect the neighborhood, and (3) will not be a nuisance.

Sec. 3. All such permits granted shall limit the number of unregistered automobiles and trucks to be kept on the premises by the permit holder, shall not run with the land and shall be limited to a reasonable lengh of time.

Sec. 4. This article shall not apply to motor vehicles which are designed and used for farming.

Sec. 5. Whoever violates any provisions of this Article of the By-Law shall be liable to a penalty of Five ($5.00) Dollars per day for each day of violation, commencing ten days following receipt of written notice from the Board of Selectmen. (2/3 vote required) (Vote, Yes 144 No 29)

Art. 21. Voted to amend the official Zoning Map by changing from Agricultural District to the Business District, a portion of the property of Donald Terry situated on the south-westerly corner of the intersection of Turkey Hill Road and Route 21, and extending along Route 21, and 300 feet in depth from said Route 21. (Zoning Map Displayed.) (2/3 vote required) (Vote, Yes 139 No 4)

Art. 22. Voted the sum of $6000.00 be raised and appropriated for the completion of the construction of East Walnut Street. (Vote, Yes Unanimous)

Art. 23. Voted to take no action. (Vote, Yes Majority)

Art. 24. Voted to take no action. (Vote, Yes Unanimous)

Art. 25. Voted to take no action. (Vote, Yes Unanimous)

Art. 26. Voted the sum of $10,000.00 be transferred from available funds in the Treasury to be added to and become part of the Stabilization Fund. (Vote, Yes Unanimous)

Art. 27. Voted the sum of $1000.00 be raised and appropriated for the printing of the Valuation and Taxation reports. (Vote, Yes Majority)

Art. 28. Voted to create a special unpaid committee to be known as a School Needs Committee to consist of five (5) members including one (1) member of the School Committee to be appointed by the Moderator. (Vote, Yes Unanimous)

Art. 29. Voted to create a special unpaid committee to be known as a Vocational Regional School District Planning Committee, to consist of three (3) members, including one (1) member of the School Committee, to be appointed by the Moderator in accordance with the provisions of Section 14 of Chapter 71 of the General Laws, as amended; and that there be appropriated for the use of said committee the sum of One Hundred ($100.00) Dollars. (Vote, Yes Majority)

Art. 30. Voted to authorize the Moderator to appoint a Municipal Building Committee to study and make recommendations for the future expansion of all Municipal Buildings. (Vote, Yes Majority)

Art. 31. Voted to transfer the sum of $30,000.00 from available funds in the Treasury for use by the Assessors to reduce the Tax Rate. (Vote, Yes Unanimous)

Art. 32. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $100.00 for the use of the Conservation Commission. (Vote, Yes Unanimous)

Art. 33. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $289.52 for an unpaid bill of 1965. (4/5 vote required) (Vote, Yes Unanimous)

Art. 34. Under other business the Moderator recognized Mrs. Jane L. Gawlik who requested an explanation of the error as included in the Ballot used at the annual election of March 7, 1966. The Town Clerk explained that he alone is responsible for any error that may be included or appear on a town ballot. Mrs. Gawlik requested that the Town Clerk be publicly censured for this error. Mr. Mathras, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen stated that he did not believe this proper and moved that the meeting be dissolved. Meeting dissolved at 11:20 P.M. by unanimous vote.

Attest: Robert D. Camp, Sr.
Town Clerk

Appropriations and Transfers voted at Town Meeting March 7, 1966

Art. No.	Account, dept., etc.	Rais. & Appr.	Appr. fm. Avbl. Funds
1	None — Nominations		
2	None — Reports		

3 Clapp Memorial Libray		$ 726.15
4 None — Authorization		
5 None — Authorization		
6 Insurance Account		651.15
7 Road Machinery Expense Account		6,000.00
8 Chap. 81 Highways	4,500.00	28,325.00
9 Chap. 90 Highways Construction		18,000.00
8 Chap. 90 Highways Construction from Chap. 679		6,000.00
10 Chap. 90 Maintenance	1,000.00	7,000.00
11 Streets and avenues or roads	9,425.00	
12 Purchase of new truck		8,800.00
13 Slide in box sander		2,385.00
14 Itemized		

Item (Art. 14)

1 Moderator Expenses	25.00
2 Finance Committee Expense	150.00
3 Selectmen	
Salaries, Chrmn.	575.00
Salaries, four (4) @ 500.00	2,000.00
Expenses	1,500.00
4 Zoning By-Law Agent	
Salary	300.00
Expenses	200.00
5 Town Accountant	
Salary	1,300.00
Expenses	325.00
6 Treasurer	
Salary	2,200.00
Expenses	1,435.00
7 Clerk	
Salary	1,000.00
Expenses	875.00
8 Collector	
Salary	2,400.00
Expenses	1,950.00
9 Assessors	
Salary. Chairman	600.00
Salaries, two (2) @ 500.00	1,000.00
Expenses	3,100.00
10 Law, expenses	800.00
11 Elections & Registrations	2,865.00
12 Planning Boad Expenses	500.00
13 Municipal Buildings	
Old Town Hall	1,250.00
Lawrence Memorial	3,200.00
Town Garage	1,200.00
14 Police	18,500.00
15 Fire	4,700.00
16 Forest Fires	1,200.00
17 Hydrant Service	2,500.00
18 Sealer of Wghts. & Measures	175.00
19 Inspector of Wiring	300.00
20 Plumbing & Gas Inspector	300.00
21 Civil Defense, Director salary	150.00
21 Civil Defense, Expenses	150.00
22 Water Storage Holes (Fire)	700.00
23 Tree Services:	
Utility Co. Supervision	350.00
Tree Warden, Wages & Expenses	1,700.00
Insect Pest Control	700.00
Dutch Elm Disease	1,200.00
24 Board of Appeals	50.00
25 Dog Officer Expenses	270.00
26 Board of Health	
Salaries, Chairman	150.00
Salaries, others two (2) @ 100	200.00
Expenses	2,650.00
27 Sewers	
Salaries, Chairman	200.00
Salaries, two (2) other @ 150.00	300.00
Expenses	4,700.00
28 Town Dump	1,300.00
29 Highways — General	10,600.00
30 Bridges	4,418.00
31 Snow removal	10,000.00
32 Sidewalk Maintenance	200.00
33 Street Lights	8,089.00
34 Board of Public Welfare	
Salary, Chairman	175.00
Salary, 4 others @ 125.00	500.00
General Relief	
O.A.A., M.A.A., D.A., A.D.C., and Public Assistance	49,000.00
35 Veterans Agent	
Salary	300.00
Benetfis & Expenses	6,200.00
36 Schools	
Administration	21,760.00
Instruction	378,625.00
Other school services	61,135.00
Operation & Maint.	81,085.00
Fixed Charges	350.00
Acquisition of fixed chgs.	2,005.00
Programs with other school systems	20,720.00
Total	565,680.00

(See following)

This budget of $565,680.00 was voted, less the sum of $14,241.96 which represents the amount on hand of Public Law 874, hence the school budget voted by the meeting as approved by the school committee is in the amount of 551,438.04

37 Clapp Memorial Library	3,500.00
38 Parsons Memorial Field	700.00
Town Common	350.00
Summer Recreation & Beach	1,490.00
39 Cemeteries	
Salary, Chairman	150.00
Salaries, 2 others @ 100.00	200.00
Expenses, General Care	5,530.00
Expenses, Soldiers' Graves	200.00
40 Pensions, Town Employees	11,787.98

41 Insurance		
(A) General	13,633.83	
(B) Health (Town Share)	6,320.00	
(C) Life (Town Share)	939.00	
42 Unclassified		
Patriotic Exercises	260.00	
Town Clock	150.00	
Town Reports	1,050.00	
Miscellaneous	300.00	
43 Maturing Debt and Interest		
1949 Sewer loans prin.	2,000.00	
1952 Schools loans prin.	20,000.00	
1963 School loans prin.	50,000.00	
1964 School Coupon notes prin.	15,000.00	
1949 Sewer loans int.	325.00	
1952 School loan int.	2,835.00	
1963 School loan int.	24,180.00	
1964 School notes int.	1,410.00	
Temporary notes, int.	1,800.00	
Art. 14 — Totals, items 1 thru 43	$877,955.85	
15 Reserve Fund (from overlay reserve)		5,000.00
16 Police Cruiser		2,000.00
17 Land damages Stebbins Street	850.00	
18 None		
19 None		
20 By-Laws		
21 Zoning By-Law		
22 East Walnut St. Construct.	6,000.00	
23 None		
24 None		
25 None		
26 Stabilization Fund		10,000.00
27 Printing Valuation books	1,000.00	
28 None		
29 Vocational Regional School District Committee		100.00
30 None Committee		
31 Sum to reducee tax rate		30,000.00
32 Conservation Commission	100.00	
33 Unpaid bill of 1965	289.52	
34 Meeting dissolved		

Total raised and appropriated—$901,120.37

Appropriated from avail. funds—$124,987.30

Grand Total $1,026,107.67

WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING — June 20, 1966

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Hampshire, ss.

To any of the Constables of the Town of Belchertown, in said County, GREETING: In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn all the inhabitants of the Town of Belchertown, qualified to vote in Town affairs, to meet at the Lawrence Memorial Hall, in said Belchertown, on Monday, the twentieth day of June, A.D. 1966, at 7:30 o'clock in the evening then and there to act on the following articles, viz:

Art. 1. To see if the Town will vote to amend the official Zoning Map by deleting from the Agricultural District and including in the Business District the parcel of land consisting of approximately nine and four tetnhs (9.4) acres situated on the Westerly side of Daniel Shays Highways, the Northeasterly side of Federal Street, and the Southeasterly side of Old Pelham Road, said parcel being the property of Joseph R. Chadbourne and Patricia J. Chadbourne, and being more particularly described in a deed of Patricia Lee Brown, Individually and as executrix under the will of Cecilia F. Squires to said Joseph R. Chadbourne and Patricia J. Chadbourne, dated December 17, 1965, and recorded in Hampshire County Registry of Deeds, Book 1477, Page 423, or act otherwise thereon.

Art. 2. To see if the Town will vote to amend the official Zoning Map by deleting from the Agricultural District and include in the Business District a parcel of land belonging to Joseph A. Keene, bounded and described as follows: Northerly by Route #9 two hundred (200) feet; Easterly by land of Ralph F. Pittsley and Luther A. Black five hundred twenty-five (525) feet; Southerly by Federal Street one hundred fifty-seven (157) feet; and Westerly by Gulf Road four hundred thirty (430) feet, or act otherwise thereon.

Art. 3. To see if the Town will vote to amend the official Zoning Map by deleting from the Agricultural District and including in the Business District the following described parcel of land belonging to Ralph F. Pittsley and Luther A. Black: Northerly by Route #9 one hundred seventy-three (173) feet. Easterly by land now or formerly of Alfred H. Clerk, Jr. three hundred seventy-five (375) feet; Southerly by the Central Vermont Railroad and Federal Street two hundred forty-six (246) feet; Westerly by land of Joseph A. Keene five hundred and twenty-five (525) feet, or act otherwise thereon.

Art. 4. To see if the Town will vote to amend the official Zoning Map by deleting from the Agricultural District and including in the Business District the following described triangular shaped parcel of land belonging to Ralph F. Pittsley and Luther A. Black: Northeasterly by Route #9 seven hundred thirteen (713) feet; Southerly by the Central Vermont Railroad Line eight hundred seventy-two (872) feet; Northwesterly by Scarborough Brook three hundred two (302) feet, or act otherwise thereon.

Art. 5. To see if the Town will amend the official Zoning Map by enlarging the present Business District so as to include therein all of the area within a strip of land two hundred (250) feet in width running along the Easterly sideline of Federal Street, commencing at the point of intersection of the Southerly line of North Street with the Easterly line of Federal Street and proceeding Southerly a distance of six hundred seventy-five (675) feet, the Southerly most boundary of said strip to consist of a line drawn perpendicular to the Easterly line of said Federal Street, or act otherwise thereon.

Art. 6. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from available funds in the treasury to the Clapp Memorial Library the following sum of money which has been received by the Town from the Commonwealth for library purposes, for the year 1966, the sum of $1,296.50 or take any other action relative thereto.

Art. 7. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from available funds in the treasury a sum of money for bills incurred in 1965 or take any other action relative thereto.

Art. 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds in the treasury, a sum of money for the permanent contruction of Everett Avenue, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 9. To see if the Town will vote to approriate and raise, or transfer from available funds in the treasury, a sum of money for the permanent construction of Jackson Street or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 10. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof, one at Dwight, one at Metacomet Street, one on Turkey Hill Road, one on South Street, one on Depot Street and one at Lawrence Memorial Hall, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at or before the time of holding said meeting.

GIVEN UNDER OUR HANDS this eighth day of June, A.D. 1966.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Michael S. Mathras, Chairman
William H. Squires, Jr.
W. Gerry Whitlock
Frank E. Farrington, Jr.

To The Town Clerk:

The Town Meeting Warrant is returned herewith. The posting instructions contained in the warrant and in the Town By-Laws have been complied with.

ERNEST M. GAY
Constable
June 13, 1966

A true copy, Attest:

Robert D. Camp, Sr.
Town Clerk

Action Taken

Moderator — Charles Jackson

Persons present — 49 (Quorum required — 25)

Zoning Map on display throughout the meeting.

Meeting called to order at 7:31 P.M.

Art. 1. Voted to amend the official Zoning Map by deleting from the Agricultural District and including in the Business District the parcel of land consisting of approximately nine and four tenths (9.4) acres situated on the Westerly side of Daniel Shays Highway, the Northeasterly side of Federal Street, and the Southeasterly side of Old Pelham Road, said Parcel being the property of Joseph R. Chadbourne and Patricia J. Chadbourne, and being more particularly described in a deed of Patricia Lee Brown, individually and as executrix under the will of Cecilia F. Squires to said Joseph R. Chadbourne and Patricia J. Chadbourne, dated December 17, 1965, and recorded in Hampshire County Registry of Deeds, Book 1477, Page 423. (Vote, Yes Unanimous) 2/3 required

Art. 2. Vote — Negative. (19 Yes—19 No) 2/3 required

Art. 3. Voted to take no action. (Vote, Yes, Unanimous).

Art. 4. Voted to take no action. (Vote, Yes Unanimous)

Art. 5. Voted to amend the official Zoning Map by enlarging the present Business District so as to include therein all of the area within a strip of land two hundred fifty (250) feet in width running along the Easterly sideline of Federal Street, commencing at the point of intersection of the Southerly line of North Street with the Easterly line of Federal Street and proceeding Southerly a distance of six hundred seventy-five (675) feet, the Southerly-most boundary of said strip to consist of a line drawn perpendicular to the Easterly line of said Federal Street. 2/3 required (Vote, Yes 30—No 10)

Art. 6. Voted that the Town appropriate from available funds in the treasury to the Clapp Memorial Library the sum of $1,296.50 which has been received by the Town from the Commonwealth for library purposes for the year 1966. (Vote, Yes Unanimous)

Art. 7 Voted to raise and appropriate the following sum of money for a bill incurred in 1965 —

C. B. Cleaners, Inc. — $588.00

and further move that the Town appropriate from available funds in the treasury the following sum of money for a bill incurred in 1965 —

Belchertown State School — $2,611.42

9/10 vote required (Vote, Yes 58—No 2)

Art. 8. Voted to transer from available funds in the treasury, under Chapter 679, Section 5, Acts of 1965, Highway Improvement Program, the sum of

$3,600.00 for the permanent construction of Jackson Street. (Vote, Yes Majority)

Art. 9. Voted to transfer from available funds in the treasury, under Chapter 679, Section 5, Acts of 1965, Highway Improvement Program, the sum of $1,500.00 for the permanent construction of Everett Avenue. (Vote, Yes Unanimous)

Art. 10. Voted to dissolve the meeting at 8:20 P.M.

Attest: Robert D. Camp, Sr.
Town Clerk

Raised and Appropriated	$588.00
Appropriated from available funds	$9,007.92

WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING — SEPTEMBER 12, 1966

Art. 1. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money from the Road Machinery Earnings Account to the Road Machinery Expense Account or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 2. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate from available funds in the treasury, a sum of money for Veterans services or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds in the treasury, a sum of money to increase the salary of the Zoning Enorcement Officer or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds in the treasury, a sum of money for maintenance of the Town Dump or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds in the treasury, a sum of money to the Sewer Maintenance Account or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds in the treasury, a sum of money to the Interest Account or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds in the treasury, the following sum of money for bills incurred in 1965 or take any action relative thereto.
C & B Cleaners — $77.00

Art. 8. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Action Taken

Moderator—Charles Jackson
Persons present — 30 (Quorum required — 25)
Meeting opened at 7:36 P.M.

Art. 1. Voted to appropriate the sum of $2,000.00 from the Road Machinery Earnings Account to the Road Machinery Expense Account. (Vote, Yes Unanimous)

Art. 2. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $2,000.00 for Veteran's Services. (Vote, Yes Unanimous)

Art. 3. Voted to appropriate from available funds in the Treasury the sum of $200.00 to increase the salary of the Zoning Enforcement Officer. (Vote, Yes Unanimous)

Art. 4. Voted to take no action on this article.

Art. 5. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $1,800.00 for the Sewer Maintenance Account. (Vote, Yes Unanimous)

Art. 6. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $2,355.87 to the Interest Account. (Vote, Yes Unanimous)

Art. 7. Not carried. Vote required 9/10 (Vote, Yes 20—No 3)

Art. 8. Voted to dissolve the meeting, at 7:52 P.M.

Attest: Robert D. Camp, Sr.
Town Clerk

Raised and Appropriated

Art. 2	$2,000.00
Art. 5	1,800.00
Art. 6	2,355.87
	$6,155.87

Appropriated from available funds

Art. 1	$2,000.00
Art. 3	200.00
	$2,200.00

State Primary Sept. 13, 1966

(DEMOCRAT)

	Prec. A	B	Totals
SENATOR			
Endicott Peabody	80	21	101
Thomas B. Adams	12	1	13
John F. Collins	45	7	52
GOVERNOR			
Edward J. McCormack, Jr.	93	27	120
Kenneth P. O'Donnell	44	4	48
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR			
Joseph E. McGuire	92	18	110
Herbert J. Connolly	38	8	46

ATTORNEY GENERAL

Francis X. Bellotti	76	20	96
Robert J. DeGiacomo	19	1	20
Foster Furcolo	40	9	49

SECRETARY

Kevin H. White	132	26	158

TREASURER

Robert Q. Crane	128	26	154

AUDITOR

Thaddeus Buczko	79	21	100
James H. Kelly	55	10	65

CONGRESSMAN

Edward P. Boland	129	30	159

COUNCILLOR

Walter F. Kelly	96	18	114
Francis P. Bianchi	16	3	19
William J. Hallinan	11	1	12
Arthur J. Moore	9	5	25

SENATOR

Philip A. Quinn	97	27	124
Emery C. Demers	37	3	40

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT

James R. Nolen	125	30	155

DISTRICT ATTORNEY

John C. O'Donnell	124	26	150

REGISTER OF PROBATE AND INSOLVENCY

Frank H. Tuit II	122	22	144

COUNTY COMMISSIONER

Robert T. Doyle, Jr.	35	10	45
Owen P. Dunphy, Jr.	77	13	90
Francis W. Hogan	7	1	8
Cornelius J. Murphy	14	3	17

COUNTY TREASURER

Edwin C. Warner	127	24	151

Democratic Ballots Cast

	Men	Women	Totals
Precinct A	71	68	139
Precinct B	15	16	31
Totals	86	84	170

DEMOCRATS REGISTERED

Precinct A	265
Precinct B	86
Total	351

REPUBLICAN

SENATOR IN CONGRESS

Edward W. Brooke	270	18

GOVERNOR

John A. Volpe	283	19

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

Francis W. Sargent	270	15

ATTORNEY GENERAL

Elliott L. Richardson	277	18

SECRETARY

Raymond M. Trudel	265	18

TREASURER

Joseph E. Fernandes	259	13

AUDITOR

John J. Buckley	268	15

CONGRESSMAN

No candidate

COUNCILLOR

No candidate

SENATOR

No candidate

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT

Roger J. Langlais	47	11	58
William Gerry Whitlock	262	13	275

DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Sanford Keedy	278	19	338

REGISTER OF PROBATE AND INSOLVENCY

No candidate

COUNTY COMMISSIONER

Hiram H. Brownell	269	16

COUNTY TREASURER

Howard A. Banner	268	17	338

Republican Ballots Cast

	Men	Women	Totals
Precinct A	158	156	314
Precinct B	16	8	24
Totals	174	164	338

REPUBLICANS REGISTERED

Precinct A	424
Precinct B	39
Total	463

REGISTERED VOTERS AS OF AUGUST 13, 1966 at 10:00 P.M.

	Rep.	Dem.	Unenrolled	Totals
Precinct A	424	265	809	1489
Precinct B	39	86	184	309
Totals	463	351	993	1807

Attest: Robert D. Camp, Sr.
Town Clerk

QUESTIONS

QUESTION NO. 1

Proposed Amendment To The Constitution.

Do you approve of the adoption of an amendment to the constitution summarized below which was approved by the General Court in a joint session of the two branches held June 11, 1963, received 228 votes in the affirmative and 29 in the negative, and in a joint session of the two branches held May 5, 1965, received 225 votes in the affirmative and 24 in the negative?

YES
NO

SUMMARY

The proposed amendment provides that at state elections candidates for Governor and Lieutenant-Governor shall be grouped on the official ballot according to the party that they represent and that it shall not be possible to vote for Governor and Lieutenant-Governor except as a partisan group.

QUESTION NO. 2

Proposed Amendment To The Constitution.

Do you approve of the adoption of an amendment to the constitution summarized below which was approved by the General Court in a joint session of the two branches held July 16, 1963, received 169 votes in the affirmative and 100 in the negative, and in a joint session of the two branches held May 5, 1965, received 200 votes in the affirmative and 61 in the negative?

YES
NO

SUMMARY

The proposed amendment provides that the Governor, for the purpose of making certain structural changes in the executive department, may from time to time prepare reorganization plans to be presented to the General Court. If the General Court fails to disapprove a reorganization plan within sixty days, the plan at that time shall have the force of law.

QUESTION NO. 3

Proposed Amendment To The Constitution

Do you approve of the adoption of an amendment to the constitution summarized below which was approved by the General Court in a joint session of the two branches held June 11, 1963, received 232 votes in the affirmative and 18 in the negative, and in a joint session of the two branches held May 19, 1965, received 159 votes in the affirmative and 91 in the negative?

YES
NO

SUMMARY

The proposed amendment authorizes the Commonwealth and the cities and towns therein to provide for municipal industrial development in such manner as the General Court may determine.

QUESTION NO. 4

Proposed Amendment To The Constitution

Do you approve of the adoption of an amendment to the constitution summarized below which was approved by the General Court in a joint session of the two branches held July 16, 1963, received 208 votes in the affirmative and 43 in the negative, and in a joint session of the two branches held May 19, 1965, received 219 votes in the affirmative and 39 in the negative:

YES
NO

SUMMARY

The proposed amendment confers considerable authority upon cities and towns with respect to the conduct of municipal government, including the authority to adopt, repeal and amend city and town charters and, in accordance therewith, local ordinances and by-laws. The General Court retains general power to act in relation to cities and towns and classes thereof and in some circumstances, to enact special laws regarding a partiular municipality, including law for its corporation, dissolution or merger. Cities and towns are not empowered to act with respect to general elections, taxation, pledges of credit, dispositions of park land, general civil relationships, the punishment of felonies, or the imposition of imprisonment except as the General Court may lawfully confer such powers upon them.

QUESTION NO. 5

Law Submitted Upon Referendum After Passage

Do you approve of a law summarized below, which was approved in the House of Representatives by a vote of 118 in the affirmative and 102 in the negative and was approved in the Senate by a vote of 21 in the affirmative and 16 in the negative?

YES
NO

SUMMARY

The Act imposes a temporary tax upon all retail sales of tangible personal property at the rate of three per cent of the selling price. Sales of certain items are exempted from the tax, including but not limited to sales of food products for human use, articles of clothing, prescription medicines, agricultural machinery and certain publications. The statute contains specific provisions relating to the registration of vendors, the filing of returns and the payment of the amounts collected by such vendors. Vendors may apply to the State Tax Commission for abatements of the accounts owed where they believe such amounts to be excessive, and the decisions of the Commission on such applications may be reviewed by the Apellate Tax Board. The Commissioner of Corporations & Taxation shall have the usual powers and remedies provided for tax collection for the collection of the taxes imposed by this section. The State Tax Commission shall issue regulations necessary for proper adminitration and enforcement of the section. The Act further imposes a temporary excise upon the storage, use or other consumtion in Massachusetts of tangible personal property at the rate of three per cent of the sales prices of such property. Sales upon which the retail sales tax described above has been imposed, or which are exempt from the retail sales tax, shall be exempt from the use tax. Sales upon which a tax has been paid in another jurisdiction shall also be exempt. Assessment abatement and collection of the use tax shall be governed by the provisions which relate to the tax upon retail sales. The tax upon retail sales and the excise upon storage, use or other consumption shall be effective during the period from April 1, 1966 to December 31, 1967.

Each qualified taxpayer shall be entitled to a credit of four dollars for himself, four dollars for his spouse and eight dollars for each qualified dependent, but such credit shall not be allowed if the taxable income of such individual and his spouse exceeds five thousand dollars for the year. In addition to the taxes described above, the Act provides for new excises upon certain banks; new taxes upon the income of certain corporations; new taxes upon cigarettes; a room occupancy excise upon rent paid for the use of hotel rooms and other lodging places; and excises upon sales of certain alcoholic beverages. The Act creates the Local Aid Fund for the purpose of providing eduational assistance, and authorizes the periodic dstribution of amounts from such fund to the cities and towns. In addition, the Act contains a variety of provisions relating to the program of State aid to public schools, and to its administration.

QUESTION NO. 6

Do you approve of an act passed by the General Court in the year nineteen hundred and sixty-six, entitled "An Act imposing a temporary tax on retail sales and a temporary excise upon the storage, use or other consumption, of certain tangible personal property, revising and imposing certain other taxes and excises, establishing the Local Aid Fund, and providing for the distribution of funds therefrom to cities and towns?

YES
NO

QUESTION NO. 7

A. Shall lcenses be granted in this town for the sale therein of all alcoholic beverages (whiskey, rum, gin, malt beverages, wines and all other alcoholic beverages) ?

YES
NO

B. Shall licenses be granted in this town for the sale therein of wines and malt beverages (wines and beer, ale and all other malt beverages) ?

YES
NO

C. Shall licenses be granted in this town for the sale therein of all alcoholic beverages in packages, so-called, not to be drunk in the premises?

YES
NO

D. Shall licenses be granted in this town for the sale of all alcoholic beverages by hotels having a dining room capacity of not less than ninety-nine persons and lodging capacity of not less than fifty rooms?

YES
NO

QUESTION NO. 8

A. Shall the pari-mutual system of betting on licensed horse races be permitted in this county?

YES
NO

B. Shall the pari-mutual systems of betting on licensed dog races be permitted in this county?

YES
NO

C. Shall the pari-mutual system of betting on licensed horse races at county fairs be permitted in this county?

YES
NO

Attest: Robert D. Camp, Sr.
Town Clerk

State Election, Nov. 8, 1966

SENATOR

	Prec. A	B	Totals
Edward W. Brooke	855	113	968
Endicott Peabody	389	137	526
Lawrence Gilfedder	3	1	4
Mark R. Shaw	5	0	5
GOVERNOR			
John A. Volpe	889	128	1017
Edward J. McCormack, Jr.	374	120	494
Henning A. Blomen	4	1	5
John Charles Hedges	1	2	3
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR			
Joseph E. McGuire	445	147	592
Francis W. Sargent	807	97	904
Grace F. Luder	3	0	3
Francis A. Votano	4	1	5
ATTORNEY GENERAL			
Francis X. Bellotti	450	145	595
Elliot L. Richardson	810	99	909
Edgar E. Gaudet	4	0	4
SECRETARY			
Kevin H. White	711	184	895
Raymond M. Trudel	535	56	591
F. Oliver Drake	7	0	7
Willy N. Hogseth	3	0	3

TREASURER

Robert Q. Crane	657	167	824
Joseph E. Fernandes	586	70	656
Domenico A. DiGirolamo	6	1	7
Julia B. Kohler	5	0	5

AUDITOR

Thaddeus Buczko	580	175	755
John J. Buckley	622	67	729
August O. Johnson	2	0	2
Roger I. Williams	4	0	4

CONGRESSMAN (District 2)

Edward P. Boland	1044	215	1259

COUNCILLOR (District 7)

Walter F. Kelly	965	205	1170

SENATOR (State)

Philip A. Quinn	986	205	1191

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT

(4th Hampshire)

James R. Nolen	497	167	664
William Gerry Whitlock	753	79	832

DISTRICT ATTORNEY (Northwestern)

Sanford Keedy	838	86	924
John C. O'Donnell	407	152	559

REGISTER OF PROBATE & INSOLVENCY

Frank E. Tuit II	980	207	1187

COUNTY COMMISSIONER

Hiram H. Brownell	752	73	825
Owen P. Dunphy, Jr.	475	163	638

COUNTY TREASURER

Howard C. Banner	775	83	858
Edwin C. Warner	447	146	593

QUESTION NO. 1

Proposed amendment to Constitution
(Governor & Lt. Governor on ballot of same party.)

Yes	719	128	847
No	323	58	381

QUESTION NO. 2

Proposed amendment to Constitution
(Governor authorized to make structural changes in Executive department)

Yes	756	131	887
No	309	52	361

QUESTION NO. 3

Proposed amendment to Constitution
(State & municipal gov'ts. to provide for municipal development etc.)

Yes	758	136	894
No	277	43	320

QUESTION NO. 4

Proposed amendment to constitution
(Home Rule)

Yes	833	143	976
No	205	31	236

QUESTION NO. 5

Law submitted upon referendum after passage.
(Sales Tax)

Yes	983	983	1139
No	189	57	246

QUESTION NO. 6

Temporary tax and Local Aid Fund.

Yes	767	112	879
No	299	62	361

QUESTION NO. 7

Sale of all alcoholic beverages. A

Yes	933	171	1104
No	237	29	266

Sale of wines and malt beverages. B

Yes	880	160	1040
No	211	25	236

Sale of all alcoholic beverages, packages. C

Yes	916	164	1080
No	183	25	208

All alcoholic license to hotels & lodging houses. D

Yes	842	147	989
No	210	30	240

QUESTION NO. 8

(Pari-mutual system of betting on horses A

Yes	781	158	939
No	365	46	411

Pari-mutual system of betting on dogs. B

Yes	620	132	752
No	476	56	532

Pari-mutual system on horses at County Fairs. C

Yes	839	154	993
No	301	39	340

BALLOTS CAST AT STATE ELECTION HELD NOV. 8, 1966

Precinct A	1278
Precinct B	255
Total Vote	1533

REGISTERED VOTERS AS OF OCTOBER 8, 1966 at 10:00 P.M.

	Men	Women	Totals
Precinct A	763	786	1549
Precinct B	164	152	316
Totals	927	938	1865

REGISTERED BY PARTY DESIGNATION AND UNENROLLED

	Men		Women		Totals		
	Precinct		Precinct		Precinct		
	A	B	A	B	A	B	
Rep.	265	26	273	19	538	45	583
Dem.	159	48	154	45	313	93	406
Ind.	339	90	359	88	698	178	876
Totals	763	164	786	152	1549	316	1865

Attest: Robert D. Camp, Sr.
Town Clerk

1966 TOWN ELECTION RESULTS

	Prec. A	B	Total
Moderator			
Charles W. Jackson	731	131	862
Town Clerk			
Robert D. Camp, Sr.	743	134	877
Selectmen			
Francis P. Loftus	251	92	343
Walter Tolpa, Jr.	224	55	279
Earl F. Henrichon	225	13	238
Thedore W. Smist	130	3	133
Assessor			
William F. Kimball, Jr.	661	89	750
Alvin H. Bush	198	75	273
Cemetery Commissioner (3 years)			
Edward L. Fuller	742	129	871
Cemetery Commissioner (1 year)			
Roy P. Reece, Jr.	742	120	862
Tree Warden			
Albert W. Brown	782	153	935
Board of Health			
James A. Bonafini, Sr.	668	126	794
School Committee (Vote for 2)			
Robert J. Donovan	454	103	557
Lloyd C. Chadbourne, Jr.	427	66	493
Betty Jean Jackson	399	50	449
John C. Carr	221	69	290
Donald Dunbar	1	0	1
Sewer Commissioner			
Frederick E. Lincoln	550	62	612
Samuel Jay Joyal	307	99	406
Planning Board			
Sidney W. Wheeler	731	125	856

The Polls at both Precincts were opened at 8:00 A.M. and closed at 7:00 P.M. The Town Clerk allowed an error to be printed on the ballots. To wit: under the office of selectmen it stated "Vote for Two" this was wrong, it should have read "Vote for One". This error is shown on the proof as received from the printer, however it is the sole responsibility of the Town Clerk to see that the town ballots are absolutely correct. The above error was discovered by the Town Clerk who immediately directed the Precinct Wardens to correct the remaining unused ballots. This action was confirmed by the Supervisor of Elections, Mr. Norman Gleason. 34 ballots had been cast prior to the correction at Precinct A with three ballots having been cast prior to correction at Precinct B.

Registered Voters at the close of registration February 15, 1966 at 10 P.M.

	Men	Women	Totals
Precinct A	812	816	1628
Precinct B	170	160	330
	982	976	1958

Registered by Party Designation

	Men		Women		Totals	
	Precinct		Precinct		Precinct	
	A	B	A	B	A	B
Republican	231	23	223	18	454	41
Democratic	149	44	137	45	286	89
Independent	432	103	456	97	888	200
Totals	812	170	816	160	1628	330

1958

Attest: Robert D. Camp, Sr.
Town Clerk

General Interest

FACTS ABOUT BELCHERTOWN

Settled—1731

Incorporated—1763

Form of Government—Town Meeting

Population (1965) —5,758, inc. 1,522 at B.S.S.

Registered Voters—1,907

Tax Rate—$37.00 per M Val.

Real Estate Valuation—$14,684,320.00

School Population—1,094

Schools—Junior-Senior High School, Cold Spring, Center, Memorial, and Franklin.

Churches—Catholic, St. Adalbert's, St. Francis; Congregational, Congregational Church In Belchertown; Methodist, Belchertown Methodist Church; and Dwight Chapel.

Municipal Water and Sewerage Available to a portion of the town.

Land Area—56.7 square miles

Water Area—1,859.8 acres

Served by the Central Vermont Railroad (for freight only); Major highways include Routes 9, 21, 181 and U.S. 202.

Road Mileage, not inc. state highways—104.34

Highest Elevation—1,108 East Hill at Pelham line. Other major elevations—West Hill 1,070; Jukett Hill 1,070; Turkey Hill 744

Major Bodies of Water—Quabbin Reservoir, Lake Metacomet, Arcadia, Holland and Knight's Reservoir.

Major Streams—Swift River, Jabish Brook, Broad Brook, Lampson, Bachelor, Hop, Scarboro, and Roaring Brook.

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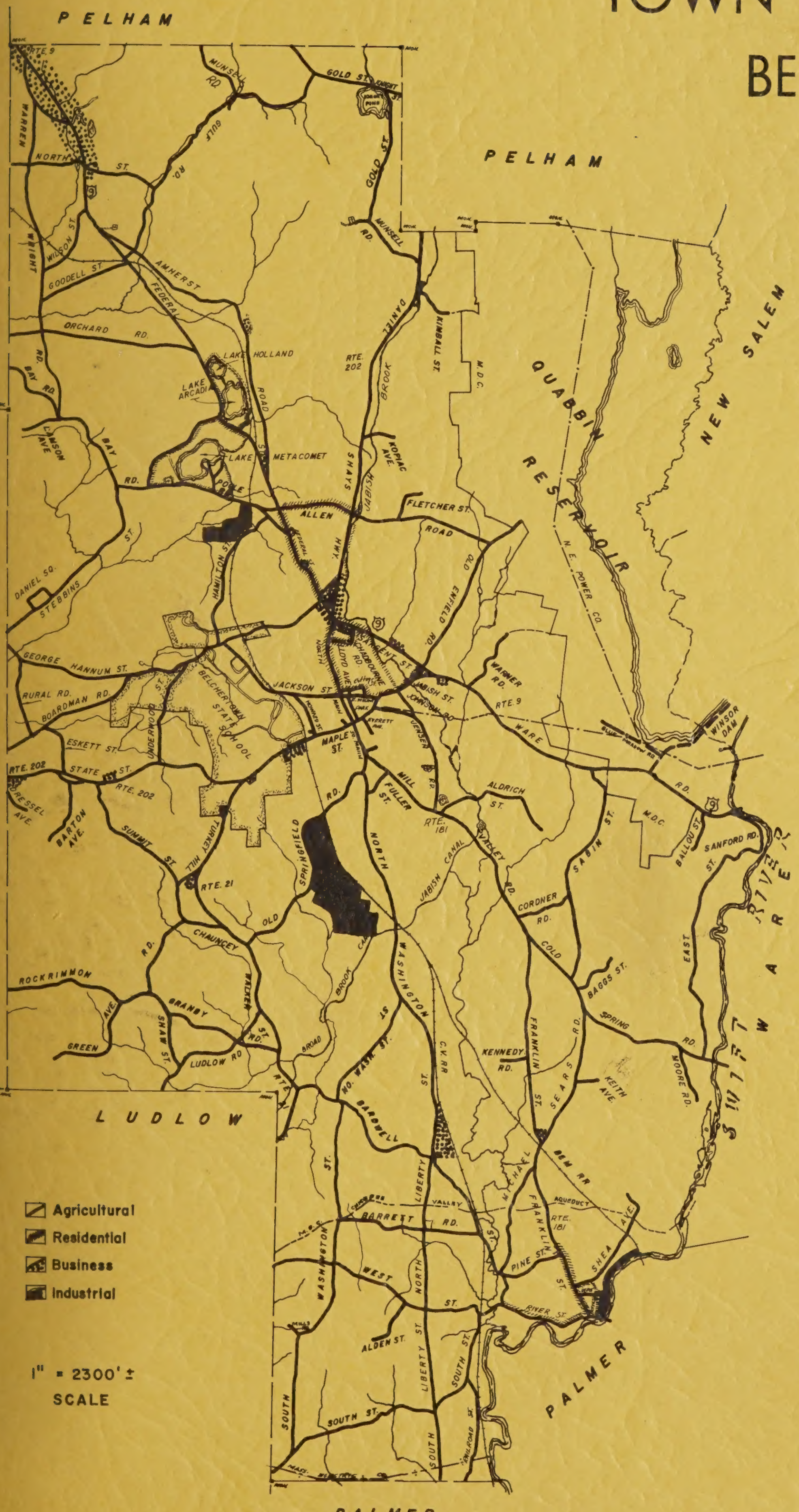
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WEST ST.
SOUTH ST.
LIBERTY ST.
ALDEN ST.
RIVER ST.
PINE ST.
SHEA AVE.
Agricultural
Residential
Business
Industrial
1" = 2300' ±
SCALE

For the Year Ending December 31, 1967

GENERAL INFORMATION

U. S. SENATORS

Edward M. Kennedy
Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Edward W. Brooke
Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

U. S. REPRESENTATIVE

Edward P. Boland
House Office Bldg.
Washington, D.C. 20515

STATE SENATOR

Philip A. Quinn
(Western Hampden and Hampshire)
Spencer, Massachusetts

STATE REPRESENTATIVE

James R. Nolen
(4th Hampshire District)
Ware, Massachusetts

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Office — Court Building, Northampton, Massachusetts

John H. Breguet, Chairman
Williamsburg, Massachusetts

Edward M. Podolak
Hadley, Massachusetts

Hiram Brownell
Northampton, Massachusetts

COUNTY OFFICERS

Judge of Probate and Insolvency
Hon. Harry Jekanowski

Register of Probates and Insolvency
Frank E. Tuit, II

Sheriff
John F. Boyle

Register of Deeds
Robert F. Czelusniak

Clerk of Courts
Salvatore A. Polito

County Treasurer
Howard A. Banner

District Attorney — Northwestern District

Oscar Grife

TAX RATE

$40.00

General — 10.94

School — 29.06

ASSESSED VALUATION

	1967	1966	Increase
Real Estate	$ 15,833,070.00	$ 14,684,320.00	$ 1,148,750.00
Personal Property	$ 1,102,570.00	$ 1,039,260.00	$ 63,310.00
Total	$ 16,935,640.00	$ 15,723,580.00	$ 1,212,060.00

ELEVATION

1,108 East Hill at
Pelham line

LAND AREA

56.7 square miles

POPULATION

5,758 — inc. 1,522 at B.S.S.
(1965)

SCHOOL POPULATION — 1967

Elementary	586
Junior High	200
Senior High	290
Total	1076

ROAD MILEAGE NOT INCLUDING STATE HIGHWAYS

104.34

TOWN OF BELCHERTOWN

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BELCHERTOWN · MASSACHUSETTS
FOUNDED 1731 · INCORPORATED 1761

For the Year Ending December 31, 1967

BELCHERTOWN HISTORY
by Kenneth Dorey

Belchertown is the second largest town in Mass. in area and the only town so named in the United States. It began its existence as an orphan. Granted to Conn. by Mass. in 1713 for more desirable land along the Conn. border, it did not return to Mass. jurisdiction until 1727, when it was purchased by seven residents of Boston, including Gov. Jonathan Belcher. The land had been burned over many times by the Indians and hunters, and served as a lush grazing pasture for the larger surrounding communities, such as Springfield and Norhampton. Situated on the old Bay Path and blessed with a lovely spring, it became a welcome stop for travelers who knew the area as Cold Spring.

In 1731 the families of Benjamin Stebbins, Samuel Bascom and Aaron Lyman settled in scattered parts of the area and attempted to farm the rocky pastures. Wolves, bears and poverty plagued them. Still by 1738 twenty families had settled and erected a meeting house with Edward Billings as pastor. On June 30, 1761 the town was incorporated and named for Gov. Belcher. The first school was erected the next year, and soon several district one-room school houses were established. Land foı the common was donated in 1791 by Elijah Dwight as a common pasture for cows and hogs of residents in the town's center.

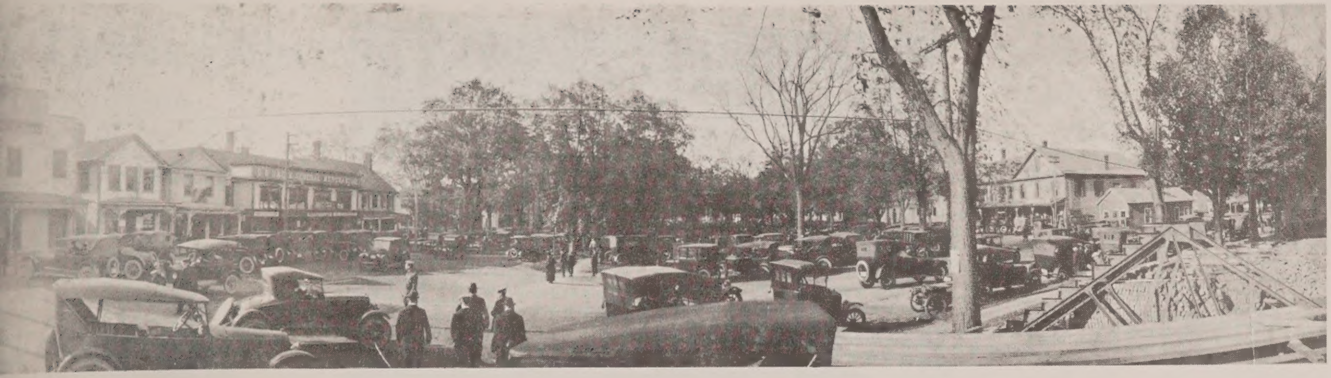
Early industries soon took hold and thrived. By the early 1800's eight carriage shops were operating, making the finest carriages in the country. Cigars, hats, shoes, saddles were all manufactured here. Lumbering became important, and a large butter creamery shipped tons of butter to neighboring towns. In the early 1900's forty trains a day stopped in Belchertown.

Several hotels were built to accommodate passengers on the stage runs and summer tourists from the cities. The most luxurious was the Highland Hotel, built in 1874, where the Lawrence Memorial Hall now stands. A portion of the Belcher House can still be seen today as the Park Lane Inn. As early as 1812, five stores were located in the center. Belchertown gradually became a trading center for the nearby farming communities.

Men from town have fought in every war including the French and Indian Wars. Over 300 men from a population of less than 1,000 served in the Revolution, and some later joined Shay's Rebellion. Their names have been inscribed on the Soldier's Monument on the common. A placque in the Memorial Hall is dedicated to those who served in more recent wars.

Today we are probably best known for our October 12th fair begun in 1856 as an exhibition for farmers' livestock and produce; and for Quabbin Reservoir, approved as a water source for Boston in 1927. Belchertown State School, established in 1917, has grown to a town within a town.

Many items of historical interest may be found in the Stone House, built by Jonathan Dwight as a wedding present for his daughter in 1827. Auto manufacturer Henry Ford constructed the matching barn in the early 1900's, now known as the Ford Annex. Many fine old homes may still be seen today, and throughout the community are hundreds of miles of old stone walls built by frugal farmers turning a curse into an asset.

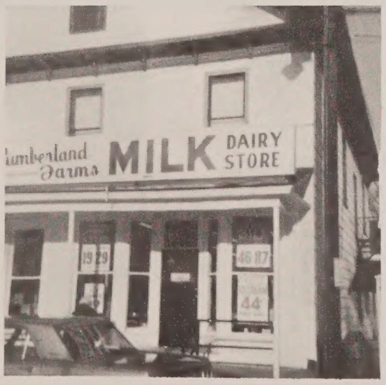


Fair Day, Around 1922

Town Common, First Snow

Post Office

Ludlow Savings Bank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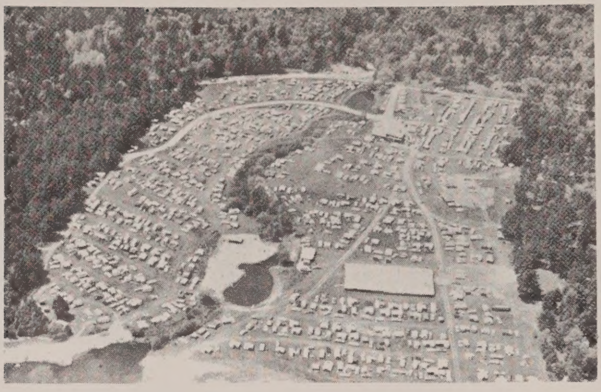
New Cumberland Farms Store

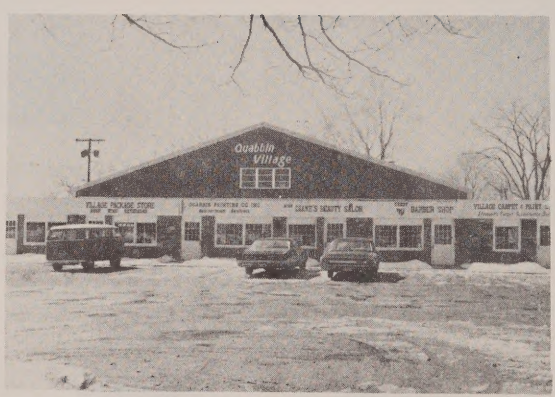
Hampshire National Bank



Robin Farm, Safari Time

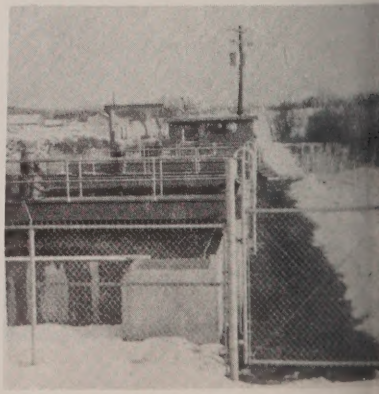
New Home, Beers & Story

U. of Mass. Horticulture Farr


Quabbin Village
VILLAGE PACKAGE STORE
BARBER SHOP

Quabbin Village Development

Mayflower Apartments
Rte. 9, near Amherst Line



New Sewage Disposal
Plant, State School

Town Officers — 1967

ELECTED OFFICERS — 1967

Name	Term Exp.
Moderator	
Charles W. Jackson	1968
Town Clerk	
Robert D. Camp, Sr.	1968
Selectmen & Welfare Board	
W. Gerry Whitlock	1968
Frank E. Farrington, Jr.	1968
Francis P. Loftus	1969
Herbert E. Squires	1970
William H. Squires, Jr.	1970
Treasurer	
Robert D. Camp, Sr.	1970
Tax & Town Collector	
Robert D. Camp, Sr.	1968
School Committee	
Phyllis W. Flaherty	1968
Lloyd C. Chadbourne, Jr.	1969
Robert J. Donovan	1969
David A. Staples	1970
Harold W. Willey	1970
Planning Board	
James F. Hayworth	1968
William H. Henneman, Jr.	1969
Raymond V. Burke	1970
Sidney W. Wheeler	1971
Donald S. Cole	1972
Cemetery Commissioner	
Edmond A. Blaine	1968
Edward L. Fuller	1969
Roy P. Reece, Jr.	1970
Assessor	
Doris S. Squires	1968
William F. Kimball, Jr.	1969
Harold B. Ketchen	1970
Sewer Commissioner	
D. Donald Hazen	1968
Frederick E. Lincoln	Resigned 1/1/68
Harry L. Brougham	1970
Tree Warden	
Albert W. Brown	1968
Board of Health	
Charlotte P. Ketchen, R.N.	1968
James A. Bonafini, Sr.	1969
Kenneth L. Collard, M.D.	1970
Constable	
Adam L. Antonovitch	1968
Ernest M. Gay	1968
Francis P. Loftus	1968
Andrew T. Sears	1968
Herbert E. Squires	1968

(Town voted to abolish the practice of electing constables on March 13, 1967. Annual meeting dated March 13, 1967.)

Almoner Whiting Street and Susan M.D. Bridgman Funds	
Ruth B. Fuller	1968
Sophia M. Pero	1968
Calvin Bridgman Fund, Trustee	
Sidney W. Wheeler	1968
George A. Poole	1969
D. Donald Hazen	1970

APPOINTED OFFICERS — 1967

Town Accountant	
Pauline C. Johnson	3/31/69
Assistant Town Clerk (Bonded)	
Margaret S. Kirby	1968
Assistant Treasurer	
Margaret S. Kirby	7/16/68
Deputy Collector	
Oren K. Gilbert	12/31/68
Deputy Collector	
Margaret S. Kirby	12/31/68
Finance Committee	
Richard D. Kimball	1968
Kenneth Thayer	1968
Frederick E. Panzer	1969
Kenneth Main	1970
Stanley F. Rhodes	1970

Registrar of Voters

Doris Dickinson	Resigned
Laurina H. Brighenti	Resigned
Helen M. Rhodes	1968
Wilfred L. Noel	1969
Rose A. Joyal	1970

Appeals Board

Henry Renouf		1968
Walter Carmody		1968
Donald Perham		1970
Joseph Tolpa	(Associate)	1968
Charles F. Howard		1970

Chief of Police

Ernest M. Gay	1968

Deputy Chief of Police

Andrew T. Sears	1968

Fire Chief & Forest Warden

Louis E. Fuller	1968

Supt. of Streets

Joseph A. Kulig	1968

Sealer of Weights & Measures

Royal K. Gay	1968

Veterans' Agent

Earl F. Henrichon	1968

Supt. Pest Control

Albert W. Brown	1968

Dog Officer

Wallace F. Chevalier	1968

Town Counsel

Paul T. Ford, Attorney	1968

Inspector of Wiring

Walter J. Henry	1968

Inspector of Gas & Plumbing

Delmore Lajeunesse	1968

Zoning By-Law Enforcement Officer

Donald F. Bock	1968

Fence Viewer & Field Driver

A. Preston Atwood	1968
Stanley W. Antonovitch	1968

Veterans' Graves Officer

Milton Butler	1968

Civil Defense Director

Edward H. Gates	1968

Ass't Civil Defense Director

C.D. Radio officer

Chester Dzwonkowski	1968

C. D. Radio Officer

Leonard H. Syriac	1968

Assistant Radio Operator

Florian Czupkiewicz	1968

C. D. Radio Operator

Francis J. Burnett	1968

C. D. Radio Operator

Nancy M. Burnett	1968

Public Weigher

Joseph Tolpa	1968
Rudolph Smola	1968
Thaddeus Bodzinski	1968
Robert G. Anderson	1968
Daniel P. Shea	1968

Police Officers

Ernest M. Gay	1968
Andrew T. Sears	1968
Robert G. Anderson	1968
Edward Czech	1968
Charles F. Howard	1968
Elmer M. Potter	1968
Lester M. Beaudoin	1968
Randolph H. Brown	1968
Merton L. Pratt	1968
John H. Reed	1968
A. Preston Atwood	1968
Elizabeth Thorndike, Mrs.	1968
Thomas C. Kubacki	1968
Julius J. Matusko	1968
Robert D. Dubuque	1968

Special Police Officers

School Traffic

Joan Hall	1968
Stanley DeMoss	1968
Lillian Austin	1968
William F. Kimball, Jr.	1968
Alexander M. Cochrane	1968

State School

Lawrence P. Bowser, M.D.	1968
Francis J. Longtine	1968

Route 9 Construction

Elwyn H. Bock	Duration
Roy Whidden	
Edward Morgan	
Richard Kimball	

Belchertown Fair Grounds	
Stanley W. Antonovitch	Duration
Isaac A. Hodgen	
Swift River Sptsmans' Club	
Ralph Goodreau	1968
Claude Clark	1968
Florian Sieczkowski	1968
Cons. & Dev. Corp. & Renouf	
Henry Renouf	1968

COMMITTEES

Name

War Memorial Committee

Isaac A. Hodgen
William H. Squires, Jr.
Frederick E. Lincoln
Roy F. Whidden
Carl Peterson
Alice Samborski, Mrs.

Jr. - Sr. High School Construction

Isaac A. Hodgen, Chmn.
John V. Nelson, Sec.
Walter L. Papp
David A. Staples
Clifford E. Holt
John B. Curry, Jr., Ex officio (Supt. of Schools)

Parks & Recreation Committee

William Taylor
Louise Barrett, Mrs.
Earl McCallum
Mary Avery, Mrs.
Michael Forgue

Voc. Region. School Dist. Planning

Gould Ketchen
David A. Staples
Rev. Elvert F. Miller Resigned
Ralph M. Trombly

Municipal Building Committee

John C. Carr
Peter M. Dearness
Walter L. Papp
Rachel Farrington, Mrs.
Carl J. Peterson

School Needs Committee

Harvey M. Dickinson
Eileen Locke, Mrs.
Betty Jean Jackson, Mrs.

E. Holland Low
Michael F. Oberly

Conservation Commission

Eleanor Bartlett, Mrs.
Sherman Gould
Loren Glazier
John Fletcher, Associate
Lionel Buzzard, Associate
Freda Jackson, Mrs.
Edward O. Lofland
E. Holland Low
Albert Brighenti, Associate
Albert W. Brown, Associate

Resolutions Committee

Isaac A. Hodgen
Robert D. Camp, Sr.

Community Action Committee

Charlotte P. Ketchen, Mrs.
Christine L. Davin, Mrs.
Ann Austin, Mrs.
Belding F. Jackson
Francis P. Loftus
Sidney W. Wheeler

Town Mgr. or Exec. Secretary Committee

J. Bernard Bowler
Alfred C. Drew
Frank E. Farrington, Jr.
William R. Malmstedt
Edward H. Parker

Housing for the Elderly Comm.

Hudson Holland, Chmn.
H. Morgan Ryther
William Malmstedt
Francis P. Loftus
Miss Irene Orlando

Bicentennial Committee for Town of Granby and Worthington

Donald M. Terry
Donald A. Towne
John V. Nelson
Richard D. Pratt
Herbert E. Squires

Board of Health and Appointments

Kenneth L. Collard, M.D., Chairman
Charlotte P. Ketchen, R.N., Clerk
James A. Bonafini, Sr., member
Doris S. Squires, Report clerk
John A. Brickett, R.S., Sanitarian
Lawrence P. Bowser, M.D., Special Agent
Adam Antonovitch, Inspector of Slaughtering
Lewis Austin, Inspector of Animals
Delmore Lajeunesse, Gas & Plumbing Inspector

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

The Board of Selectmen submits its annual report for the year ending December 31, 1967.

In starting to summarize the entire year's duties of this Board, the major factor that comes into the minds of all is WHAT IS THE FUTURE OF BELCHERTOWN? Also, what can we do to help; what have we offered as a Board in the way of changes; and what are some of the future plans that the entire Board would like to see put into effect?

Each year we are hopeful that the Town will reach some kind of leveling off plateau expense-wise, but we seem to have to resolve ourselves to the fact that costs and the ever increasing demands which are placed upon us by the State legislature that enacts laws such as State minimum salary laws, medial assistance programs which are written with very lenient clauses, and now in July of 1968 the taking over of the entire welfare program (which you can be assured will be more costly to the citizens of Belchertown), plus our direct expenditures for the opertion of our local government agencies, make this impossible. No one denies the right for a good educational system for our children, but one in local government wonders when the percentage of expenditures shows 80% of the budget for schools and 20% for general government.

Even with the sales tax program now in full swing the scales just never seem to balance on an even par, so our major goal for the year 1967 was set to try to make Belchertown a better place to live in, and the kind of a Town which would catch the eye of others so that they might join us and make Belchertown a leading community in the area.

ORGANIZATION

Your Board met and organized in the latter part of March, following the procedure as set up since the formation of the five-man board four years ago. We agreed that each member was to be the liaison of the various Town departments. It is the duty of the liaison to keep in close contact with the department and report each week to the entire Board of the activities of that department. It was recommended that no longer should the heads of these departments be required to report to the Selectmen on a weekly basis. This was put into effect immediately, and except for very few special occasions this policy was carried out during the entire year. With this system in mind, the Board organized as follows:

- Wm. Gerry Whitlock - Chairman
  - Liaison Highway Department
  - Chapter 90 C and 90 M
- William H. Squires, Jr. - Vice-Chmn.
  - Liaison Fire Department
  - Chapter 90 C and 90 M
  - Town Reports
- Frank E. Farrington, Jr. - Clerk
  - Liaison Police Department
  - Dog Officer
  - Zoning Enforcing Officer
- Francis P. Loftus -
  - Chairman Board of Public Welfare
  - Regional Planning
  - Liaison Housing for the Elderly
- Herbert E. Squires -
  - Municipal Buildings
  - Parks and Recreation Committee
  - Civil Defense

After the first organizational meeting, the Board welcomed its new member, Herb Squires, and also the return of William Squires, who was reelected for a second term. One of the first orders of business was to change the regular meeting night to Monday, to coincide with the meeting night of other Town officers, and start our Town business on a first-of-the-week basis.

It seems unnecessary to go into all the details of the year's activities as the Board voted to put a weekly news column in the Belchertown Sentinel. We have also tried to cooperate with the other newspapers and the Ware radio station. For helping to keep everyone posted, we would like to thank all concerned.

The Board has met many nights other than Monday, in order to handle the many problems that arise and complete various projects started during the year. We have also met with Boards of the surrounding Towns, both at home and away, in order to discuss mutual problems. (We have met with nearly all Towns bordering Belchertown this past year.)

Committees have been appointed to discuss various changes and make recommendations.

Some of the major improvements and accomplishments of the year 2967 are:

1. Completion of Route 9 between Amherst and Belchertown, for which we were all very happy and pleased. We would like to extend our thanks to State Senator Quinn and Representative Nolen for their efforts, and to especially thank Charles Bisbee, now Commissioner of the Department of Public Works.
2. Under the new Town By-law 11A (Unregistered Motor Vehicles), fifty-seven notices were issued to persons in violation; five persons were taken to court and judgement was in favor of the Town, one case is still pending, and two special permits were issued. We would also like to thank all those who cooperated and moved their vehicles without receiving notices. This certainly must have improved the appearance of the Town, and made it a better place to live.
3. The Sears and Roebuck Medical and Economic study, which is in progress, to study the feasibility of acquiring a second physician for the town.
4. The formation of a Housing for the Elderly study committee to see what the need is, and to supply housing for those who may wish to have these facilities.
5. The reactivation of the Civil Defense Department with new quarters, and with Edward Gates as Civil Defense Director. He has really sparked this Department with the help of his assistants.
6. A complete valuation study of the Police Department, which will give us the type of coverage which is so badly needed today if passed at the Annual Town Meeting.
7. A new policy for dealing with owners of untagged dogs. This policy proved to be most effective, and to the best of our knowledge, no dog listed on the census went untagged this year. It is also interesting to note that no dog damage reports were submitted to this Board this year.
8. The installation of two dry hydrants in the outlying areas, to aid in the protection of persons and property. More are planned for 1968.
9. The Board has welcomed the expansion of Quabbin Industries and the building of the Quabbin Village complex; the renovation of the new quarters of Beers and Story's new funeral home (an excellent job), the new Cumberland store, and the building of the first new apartment houses on Route 9; the new duplex apartment building on Three Rivers Road; the enlargement of the Crystal Spring shopping area, with the new stores. We hope to be able to announce in the near future the in-

troduction of a new major industry in Belchertown.

10. Under the Community Action Committee, a summer youth work group was put to work again, and certainly was a big help to the departments who were able to secure this service.
11. The appointment of a new Parks and Recreation Committee which has been a help to our youth. This was a fine job well done!

The members of the Board and the Town of Belchertown will certainly miss the devoted services of our fellow colleague, Frank Farrington, who has decided to leave the Board upon the expiration of his term. Frank has been instrumental in the introduction of many of the above projects, and other projects in the past four years. It is the hope of this Board that Frank will still take an active part in the activities of the Town, for his services are greatly needed.

In closing this report, may we thank the Townspeople, Town employees, and any others for their cooperation, and especially the civic-minded people who have responded to the call to service on various Town boards.

We hope that you will agree that Belchertown is a better place to live.

WM. GERRY WHITLOCK
Chairman
WILLIAM H. SQUIRES, JR.
FRANK E. FARRINGTON, JR.
FRANCIS P. LOFTUS
HERBERT E. SQUIRES
Board of Selectmen

ASSESSORS' REPORT

The money to pay the cost of operating the Town is derived from:

1. Taxation of real and personal estate
2. Grants and reimbursements from the Federal Government, and Commonwealth and other cities and towns
3. Receipts of departments and available funds
4. Licenses, permits and fees
5. Miscellaneous other sources

The amount to be raised by taxation was determined as follows:

Amount to be raised in the fiscal year		$1,118,578.58
Other expenses:		
Abatements in excess of overlay	$13,335.34	
School lunch	7,553.43	
Libraries	1,296.50	
State parks and reservations	4,130.07	
Underestimates of above	618.02	
State audit	24.66	
Motor vehicle excise bills	425.55	
State assessment system	230.32	
County tax	28,781.07	
County hospital	2,065.96	
Overlay for current year	27,084.05	
Gross amount to be raised in 1967		$1,204,123.55
Estimated receipts from the State	433,831.99	
Available funds	92,865.96	
		$526,697.95
Raised by taxation		$677,425.60

Valuation	
Personal property	$ 1,102,570.00
Real estate	15,833,070.00
	$16,935,640.00
Tax levy, 1967 rate $40.00 per $1,000	
Personal property	$ 44,102.80

Real estate	$633,322.80
	$677,425.60

Omitted assessments-
real estate

Valuation	$12,200.00
Tax	488.00

The Board received 231 photostatic copies of property transfers and 18 probate records and 65 building permits, the latter as of October 1, 1967.

The following abatements were processed during 1967:

Motor vehicle	364	$ 7,282.06
Personal property	8	308.40
Real estate (regular)	69	3,498.00
Real estate (over 70)	69	25,384.66
Real estate (Veterans')	44	3,816.00

Belchertown had a revaluation in 1957. For some reason unknown to this Board about 80% of the houses were classified as "C" "C" is next step better than a camp, a very poor building.

This policy was followed for several years. A real good house classified as "C" was valued at approximately $10,000. We found these houses selling for from $13,000 to $17,000. This is a long way from full and fair cash value as required by law. The Assessors' oath states that the list of real and personal and personal property to which they have affixed their names, is a full and accurate assessment upon all the property of each person liable to taxation, at its full and fair cash value, according to their best knowledge and belief. In the fall of 1966, the Board of Assessors, by careful examination of all the cards of taxable property, found that many properties were being taxed up to $5,000 below their full and fair cash value. The result was, some properties were being taxed $100 to $200 more than others of similar value. From the fall of 1966 to June 1967, the Board equalized the values on approximately 500 properties that were out of line, some up, some down. The same methods and the same 1958 price book were used as in the 1957 revaluation, so that all values would be as equal as possible. All properties were visited and the results compared with others, also with sales back to 1958. A representative of the Department of Corporations and Taxation for four days, examined the work and toured the Town, viewing each property changed. As a result, the values on eight properties were adjusted for a total of less than $6,000. In June 1967, a notice was published in the local paper. This was a box notice on the front page. The notice stated that many changes had been made, and urged the taxpayers to contact the Board of Assessors before the tax bills were issued, for information, explanation and any adjustments that might be made. This notice was published twice. The Assessors' office was open two hundred hours in the five weeks following this notice to talk to taxpayers.

RESULT: We reviewed about eighty properties and made adjustments on sixty-two. The balance of appeals were denied. Many appeals were normal and had nothing to do with the equalization.

We have fifty (50) appeals pending against the Town for approximately $5,000 in taxes. Unfortunately this $5,000 will have to be entered in the 1968 tax rate as a Town liability, and the money raised this year.

We believe these values are fair and just and will defend them to the best of our ability. However, should these appeals prevail when settled by the Appellate Tax Board, these fifty taxpayers will be paid amounts up to five-thousand dollars, total ($5,000) and the remaining 1200 taxpayers will be paying the bill. The values of property are the nearest to equal that they have been in years. There is much to be done - at present we have over 400 properties to review, including complaints, sales, new and incomplete buildings, etc.

We wish to thank all those people who have cooperated with us, and assure them that equalization is our only aim.

The Assessors' office is open from 1:00 to 4:00 P.M. daily, Monday through Friday, and public records are available to the taxpayers. Regular meetings are held the second and fourth Mondays of each month from 7:30 to 9:00 P.M.

HAROLD B. KETCHEN
Chairman
WILLIAM F. KIMBALL, JR.
DORIS S. SQUIRES
Board of Assessors

BELCHERTOWN-GRANBY WELFARE DISTRICT REPORT

The Belchertown-Granby Welfare District reports herewith on the activities for 1967, the fifteenth year in which it has administered the various welfare programs for Belchertown and Granby.

The Medical Assistance and Aid to Families with Dependent Children programs have continued to increase and it became necessary to increase our staff in order to comply with Federal requirements and to provide the necessary services. Miss Nancy-Lee Murphy of South Hadley, a graduate of University of Massachusetts (1967), with a major in Psychology and a minor in Sociology, was employed in June and her services are proving resourceful in working with our clients.

A request for additional funds from both Towns was necessary during the year to subsidize the increased expense with the result that the request for funds this year is limited to $102.19 for Granby, the Town of Belchertown having enough cash in the District to cover its apportion expenses and reimbursements at 62.5 % for Belchertown and 37.5% for Granby.

In accordance with Chapter 658 of the Acts of 1967, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts will assume the financial and administrative responsibility for all welfare programs as of July 1, 1968. Therefore, the administrative budget has been considered accordingly. Plans are indefinite at this time as to how this transition will be accomplished.

During the year 229 cases were handled, 528 visits and contacts made, and assistance payments of $110,918.62 were approved. The total operating expenses for the District were $22,945.48 with reimbursements of $19,919.95, leaving a net expense of $3,025.53.

FRANCIS P. LOFTUS
EVERETT J. O'CONNOR
Prudential Committee
LENA N. WILSON
Director
Belchertown-Granby
Welfare District

District Treasurer's Report

Cash in treasury, 1-1-67		
Receipts:		$ 4,482.70
Federal	$12,959.85	
State	6,952.48	
Belchertown	3,470.09	
Granby	1,774.22	
Miscellaneous	3,962.43	29,119.07
		$33,601.77
Expenditures		$26,900.29
Cash is treasury, 12-31-67		6,701.48
		$33,601.77

ROBERT D. CAMP, SR.
District Treasurer

District Director's Report

The following is a report of services performed by the Belchertown-Granby Welfare District for 1967 in administering the various welfare programs for the Town of Belchertown.

Assistance payments approved	$75,881.40
Cases handled	145
Visits and contacts made	360
Case load 12/31/67	
Old Age Assistance	24
Medical Assistance	77
Aid to Families with Dependent Children	7
Disability Assistance	6
General Relief	0

At the close of the year the Town of Belchertown held twelve Old Age Assistance liens.

Emphasis continues to be placed on social rehabilitation, especially in Aid to Families with Dependent Children cases.

As mentioned in the Belchertown-Granby Welfare District report, our staff now includes Miss Nancy-Lee Murphy as Social Worker and her services are proving to be very helpful and resourceful.

Also Chapter 658 of the Acts of 1967 provides for State administration and financial responsibility for all welfare programs as of July 1, 1968. At the present time plans appear to be indefinite as to how this transition will be accomplished. However, appropriation requests have been considered accordingly.

I wish to thank your Board and all Town Officials for the cooperation given this office this year.

LENA N. WILSON, Director

Belchertown-Granby
Welfare District

Fire Chief and Forest Warden Report

The following is my report as Fire Chief and Forest Fire Warden for the year 1967. The fire department responded to 58 alarms during the year 1967:

Building fires, 16
Brush and Grass Fires, 31
Vehicle Fires, 9
False alarms, 2

The total estimated damage to buildings was $28,850.00 and to contents $4,575.00.

The fire station was painted during the year 1967. Two new "dry hydrants" were installed during the year.

Several of our members availed themselves of the opportunity of completing a two day training course at Westover Air Force Base. Valuable fire fighting technics acquired there were relayed by these men to the entire department.

The auxilary department, under the capable leadership of Lawrence Bowser, Jr. and Edward Fuller, continue to be of great help to our department. Much of the building and maintainance of the skating rink was accomplished by this group.

Continued good cooperation by the police department, and the telephone operators of The Belchertown State School help to make our efforts more efficient. I extend my thanks to these two groups.

LOUIS E. FULLER

Chief of Fire Dept
Forest Warden

Police Department

I hereby submit my annual report for the Police Department of the Town of Belchertown, for 1967. Following are listed the offenses prosecuted in the District of Northampton during the year 1967:

Assualt & Battery	8
Larceny	1
Non-Support	2
Drunkenness	3
Search Warrant	1
Rape	1
Lewdness	1
Malicious Injury to Per. Prop.	1
Malicious Injury to Real. Prop.	1
Ill-treatment of Feeble-minded	3
Liquor Law Violation	6
Fish & Game Laws	11
Town-By-Law Unregistered Auto (Junk)	6
Operating under Influence	3
Driving to Endanger	13
Stop Sign	59
Speeding	193
All other Road Law Violations	128
	441
Juvenile Cases	23
Total offenses prosecuted in 1967	464

Two hundred forty-seven traffic accidents were reported and investigated during 1967 which is 18 more than in 1966. There were two fatal accidents. This department has answered 1131 complaints. We receive and deliver emergency messages to people having no telephones. We have served 253 summons .

Forty-one pistol permits were issued . Each applicant must be fingerprinted by this department. Three dealers licences were issued in town.

The ambulance continues to be a real asset to the townspeople who find a need for it in times of emergencies. In checking back in the 1957 records, I find that 50 trips were made; this continues to increase A total of 103 trips were made to or from hospitals and nursing homes in the area. There were 27 calls for oxygen this past year. The ambulance is to be used for emergencies or at the request of a doctor. The reason for this is to assure the patient that they will be accepted at the hospital or nursing home. When the ambulance is requested it requires two men. These men are holders of an American National Red Cross certificate which states they have completed the Advanced course of instruction in First Aid to the injured. This course is taken every three years. Police Officers are on call at all times for emergency ambulance calls. They are often called from their jobs to do this service. I take this opportunity to thank each one for being available and answering so quickly to these emergencies.

This past year our department has had the opportunity of participating in two of the Univ. of Mass. extension courses held in the South Hadley High School, one night a week for ten weeks. The first was in February with ten officers participating. This was on "Interpretation of Mass. Criminal Law". The second course was in October with seven taking part. This was on "Motor Vehicle Laws" and "Practical Police Problems".

As in past years I want to take this opportunity to thank all of the Police Officers in our town as well as the Police Department in surrounding towns, the Metropolitan District Comm., State Police, Registry of Motor Vehicles, our Fire Chief, and the townspeople for the help and cooperation which they have given to me and the department.

ERNEST M. GAY
Chief of Police

Highway Department Report

The year 1967 has brought the Highway Department to a new era. We hope that by now we have become more efficient in our work and have become much better equipped to perform our duties. We now are working with a crew of nine permanent members, plus part-time summer help.

We are still faced with the ever increasing amount of traffic on our State numbered Highways plus the large area which we have to cover. Belchertown still leads most Towns with a total of 104 miles of road, of which a large percentage is still gravel, requiring a great deal of maintenance.

We are endeavoring to revamp and improve on the efficiency of our operation.

Each year a portion of the budget is designated for additional surfacing of Town streets - emphasis being placed on school bus and mail routes.

CHAPTER 81:

(Secondary roads or unlisted routes)

This covers the majority of our highway network and full emphasis is still being placed on surface treatment of our already paved roads. This year approximately $12,000.00 was expended for tar and stone alone. Due to conditions in the spring, which were the worst in many years, a major gravelling program was put into action with some 3,000 yards being placed on various Town Highways.

Chapter 81 is very heavily supported by the State. One of the drawbacks of this program, however, is the fact that the allotment has not been increased for twenty years, and wages and cost of materials have been rising steadily. This program is under the supervision of John Burnham, who represents the State Department of Public Works, and who has been extremely helpful.

The Money is divided as follows:

State Share - $28,875.00
Town Share - 4,200.00

The following roads received work this year:

Federal St.
Gold St.
Allen St.
Jackson St.
Rockrimmon Rd.
South St.
Knight St.
Warren Wright Rd.
Bay Rd.
George Hannum Rd.
Springfield Rd.
So. Washington St.
Michael Sears Rd.

CHAPTER 90 CONSTRUCTION:

Chapter 90 Construction monies have been placed on Stebbins Street for the second year, thanks to a majority vote at the Annual Town Meeting. The Town is now utilizing its full share of Chapter 90 C allotments, and this has helped to step up our construction work on our main routes.

In 1968, the Board plans to ask the Town for its full allotment which has been approved by the State. Monies are divided as follows:

	Request 1968	Request 1967
State Share	$19,500.00	$19,500.00
County Share	9,750.00	9,750.00
Town Share	9,750.00	9,750.00
TOTAL	$39,000.00	$39,000.00

This year, much to the satisfaction of the Board, the Town Highway Department started to do its own construction work. We completed one section of Stebbins Street and we are partly finished on the second section, which was a more complicated project and included 1,800 feet of drainage, and the building of several catch basins and the blasting of a large ledge area. The only outside equipment hired was a bulldozer for excavation and a backhoe for the ditching. All paving was let out to bid.

We feel that this is a major step for our Highway Department, and that it has been very successful.

In 1968, we plan to finish Stebbins Street to the Granby line, and have plans being drawn by the Department of Public Works in Northampton for the reconstruction and partial relocation of Bay Road late in 1968 or in the spring of 1969. It is now planned to start the Bay Road construction at the Amherst line and head east to Belchertown.

CHAPTER 90 MAINTENANCE:

Under Chapter 90 Maintenance, several major projects were started in 1966 and finished in 1967. Once again, the Board will ask for the same amount as in 1967.

	Request 1968	Request 1967
State Share	$5,000.00	$5,000.00
County Share	5,000.00	5,000.00
Town Share	5,000.00	5,000.00
TOTAL	$15,000.00	$15,000.00

Projects in 1967:

1. Resurfacing of Route 181 from the center of Town to the intersection of North Washington, with approximately 1" bituminous concrete.
2. Resurfacing of North Washington Street and Three Rivers Road to the new Junior-Senior High School with approximately 1" bituminous concrete.
3. Surface treatment of one-quarter mile of Route 21.
4. Surface treatment of one mile of Three Rivers Road.

Also under this program of general maintenance, we repaired and replaced guardrails, cleaned and rebuilt drop inlets and catch basins, and cut back ditches and rebuilt shoulders.

The following roads come under Chapter 90 M: Route 9, Route 21, Route 181 and Three Rivers.

CHAPTER 679 (Special State Funds)

This year the major project was the resurfacing of Springfield Road with 1 1/2" or more of bituminous concrete. This is the fourth Town road to receive this treatment, which helps to eliminate future maintenance problems.

In 1968 we plan to use the remainder of Chapter 679 funds on the resurfacing of East Street fromCold Spring Road in, and also plan to use a portion of Chapter 616, which we have been alloted for the years 1968-1969.

These two Chapters are supported 100% by the State.

TOWN PROJECTS:

Work is still continuing on the various Town roads . In 1967 Knight Street and Mill Valley projects were finished.

Since this program was instituted in 1960, approximately 21 roads have been surface-treated and removed from the gravel road list. South and Pine Streets will be completed in 1968.

EQUIPMENT:

With the purchase of the new tractor-loader in 1967, we feel that the efficiency and output of work has been greatly improved, since this has eliminated the need of hiring outside equipment. Road Machinery Earnings have been increased by approximately $3,000.00, due largely to this piece of equipment.

An air compressor and grease gun were also purchased, thus enabling the Highway Department to do their own equipment maintenance.

We are constantly stressing, and have greatly improved on general maintenance of all our vehicles.

The town has the following inventory of equipment:

1947	Caterpillar grader
1956	International truck & sander
1963	Ford dump truck
1966	Brockway dump truck with slide-in box sander
1956	Brockway dump truck
1962	Dodge truck & sander
1963	Chevrolet pickup truck
1967	Caterpillar front-end loader

SUMMARY:

It is recommended in the Town Warrant that the Town purchase a new dump truck to replace the 1956 Brockway dump truck, and that this truck be traded or sold by the Town. (As we have stated in the past, we feel that it is important to replace our equipment on a rotating basis.)

We have recommended also a general increase in the pay for our employees, according to the position to which they are assigned. (Employees are now assigned to a certain vehicle, and it is their job to see that this equipment receives proper maintenance and care.) With this pay increase, plus paid holidays and paid vacations, we feel that now we can attract interested and competent employees.

As liason to this department for the past several years, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Highway Superintendent and the members of the Department for their cooperation in helping to bring this department to its present status.

WM. GERRY WHITLOCK
Liason - Highway Dept.

Civil Defense Report

The Selectmen gave the Civil Defense an office in lower Memorial Hall which I had to have finished and painted inside. Some of the C. D. equipment was moved from the library into the new office. The radio was installed with a new antenna on the roof.

Since April 1st the Belchertown Civil Defense has been active. We have a radio crew of 1 radio officer and 3 radio operators. We have been on the air every month with the sector headquarters and also participated in a 3 day exercise in October.

I wish to thank my Assistant Director, Chester Dzwonkowski, my radio officer, Leonard Syriac, and my 3 radio operators, Florian Czupkiewicz, Frank and Nancy Bennett for their help.

EDWARD H. GATES
Director of Civil Defense

Board of Health Report

The Board of Health held regular monthly meetings on the fourth Wednesday of each month. One closed hearing was held. All routine business was normally conducted.

Mr. James A. Bonafini inspected all new or renovated septic tank installations. Mr. Delmore La Jeunesse made plumbing inspections as prescribed by the state code.

Mrs. Doris Squires, special secretary for the Board, has compiled and reported on the following reportable diseases for the year 1967.

Chicken pox	46 cases
Diptheria	1 case
Dysentery (sonne type)	17 cases
Erysipelas	1 case
German Measles	1 case
Scarlet Fever	1 case
Strept Throat	13 cases
Whooping Cough	1 case
Dog bites	25 cases
Mumps	17 cases

It should be noted from the above figures the absence of regular measles in the year 1967. This is due to the widespread use of measles vaccine.

All reasonable public health nuisance complaints were investigated, and appropriate action taken.

Several clinics were held throughout the year, and the following statistics in this regard are of interest:

Diptheria, whooping cough and tetanus injections in April and May, 479 injections. Influenza vaccine injections in September and October given to 95 school personnel, firemen, policemen, and town officials. Measles vaccine was administered in January and February to 174 children and preschool children. On May 10, 1967, small pox vaccination was given to 55 children. No polio clinics were held in 1967, but clinics are planned for 1968.

KENNETH L. COLLARD, M.D.
Chairman
CHARLOTTE KETCHEN, R.N.
Secretary
JAMES A. BONAFINI
Board of Health

AGENT-SANITARIAN REPORT

As Agent-Sanitarian for the Board of Health of the Town of Belchertown, I respectfully submit my annual report for 1967.

During 1967, regular monthly inspections were made on 11 eating and drinking establishments, 4 stores, and one bakery.

One trailer park, two recreational camps for children and two family type camping areas were licensed and inspected at regular intervals.

One public health complaint nuisance was investigated and abated satsifactorily.

Three public health investigations were made concerning sub-standard housing. Appropriate action was taken as the results of these investigations.

Thirty-five itinerant restaurants were inspected during the annual fair. Each establishment was operated in accordance with health regulations.

During the summer months, regular inspections were made at the town beach bath house. Monthly samples of water were taken from the lake and from the drinking water supply. Recommendations have been made to replace the well providing water to the bath house since contamination was noted during an inspection made in the middle of summer.

Water samples were taken also from the recreational camps to determine the quality of water.

Consultation was provided for two apartment houses which were being constructed during 1967.

One hearing was attended at the request of the Board of Health.

Regular inspections were made at the town dump and where necessary recommendations were made to the Board of Health for further action.

I wish to extend to the citizens of Belchertown a thank you for the fine co-operation extended to me during 1967.

JOHN A. BRICKETT
Agent-Sanitarian

Dog Officer's Report

I hereby submit my annual report as Dog Officer of the town of Belchertown:

Stray dogs picked up and destroyed	69
Dogs returned to owners	9
Dogs killed on highway	14
Dogs Complaints investigated	12

A new system for collecting dog taxes was tried this year.

After receiving the warrant, I contacted the the people by cards and telephone. If there was no response, the person then received a letter to appear in Court.

This system should see a shorter delinquent list in 1968.

WALLACE CHEVALIER
Dog Officer

PARKS and RECREATION

Our first attemp at providing summer recreation for the young people of the town, while not entirely satisfactory, was encouraging, and provided us with lots of ideas for future years.

Our director, Richard Juskalian, who had to provide all the ideas as well as carry out all the instruction, really had his hands full and deserves a lot of credit and thanks. We learned, as did he, that it is a job much too big for one person. For instance, a separate swimming instructor is a must. Also, an assistant to the director, preferably a female, would be of great assistance, and we could certainly use some volunteers.

There were about 120 children enrolled in the swimming program and much enthusiasm was shown throughout the season. The activities program was well attended by both boys and girls, and various games were enjoyed each day. Mr. Juskalian brought a group of about 15 to the Junior Olympics at Mt. Park on August 9th, and we were very proud that Kathy Lofland took a first place prize.

Our winter program did not materialize as we had hoped due to a number of reasons, but we feel we have learned much from our years experience and hope to be able to carry out a fuller and better program in 1968.

A program such as ours needs the support of the town and the help of volunteers to be successful. We would appreciate any ideas or help we can get.

WILLIAM G. TAYLOR
Committee Chairman
MARY AVERY
LOUISE M. BARRETT
MICHAEL P. FORGUE
EARL McCALLUM

Beach Committee Report

The beach was opened for the season on June 5, after having been given a thorough cleaning by the energenic Ecumenical group. Ken Nolan again served as life guard and custodian, with Dave Breed as his substitute on his days off, and for one week at the end of August.

After a couple of hectic week-ends, we were advised to hire a policeman to keep cars from parking in a helter-skelter manner to insure an open lane for emergency vehicles, and to do general policing of the beach.

A couple of large dead trees were removed, along with a general trimming of some other trees, and after a fashion, the logs and brush were hauled away by some forward thinking fire-side sitters.

The lawn was mowed and the grounds were cleaned regularly. Six hibachi's were installed next to the picnic tables for the benefit of those who wished to have cook-outs. A new surf board was purchased for the use of the life guard.

The Belchertown United Senior Youth group was granted permission to install a booth next to the beach house to sell soft drinks and snacks. This same group also provided us with a day of fun and entertainment with the presentation of of the Aqua-Lua-Rama, which was a huge success.

Unfortunately, during the latter part of July, the Board of Health found our well water to be contaminated so water for drinking and washing had to be shut off. After two unsuccessful attempts to purify the water, it was still found to be unfit to drink, so had to be shut off for the remainder of the season. Water for the toilets was available during this time. We received a letter from the Board of Health recommending that we have a new well driven before the 1968 season. This was done and although the cost was more than we anticipated, we feel that no cost is too great to insure good health and safety.

The beach was officially closed on Sept. 5th, but the main gate remained open until Oct. 1st, for the benefit of fishermen with boats. The picnic tables were stored next to the beach house, the beach house doors received a protective coat of varnish, and the plumbing was winterized.

Louise M. Barrett
Beach Committee Head

Parsons Field

The field was given a general clean-up in the spring and thereafter kept mowed. Necessary seeding, fertilizing and liming was done in the fall. The soft ball diamond was re-cut and generally improved. We hope to repair or replace the backstop before next season. The high school used the baseball diamond for their home games as the diamond at the high school was unfit for use. The boys on the high school team did some work on this diamond.

The field was used almost daily by our summer recreational program, which was well attended by a substantial number of young boys and girls. We hope to expand our program this year to include many more activities and events.

The field house project, for which money was appropriated, has not been realized. The condition of the land at the proposed site, with heavy surface water, deemed it unadvisable to proceed with the building until such time as the drainage problem is solved.

There is quite a bit of land at Parsons Field which could be used to good advantage, but much more work with bulldozers and graders will have to be done first. The most important project to be considered at present is the drainage of water from the field in the northwest corner. Work has been started, but until this project is completed, plans being considered now cannot be fulfilled.

Earl McCallum
Parsons Field
Committee Head

Old Town Hall

The roof repairs and electrical program started in 1966 were completed. However, upon further inspection, it was advised that we install a new lighting system employing four prismpack lights which will give us better light at less cost, and much safer service.

The lower walls have been painted and general maintenance kept up. The very old and dilapidated mats on the end walls have been discarded and new ones will be installed. Future plans call for patching and painting the ceiling and refinishing and sealing the floor.

The hall was used almost daily during the summer under the guidance of the recreation director; for the annual Fair Day exhibits; by the usual basketball enthusiasts this fall; and by a few clubs who hold their meetings there. We also rented the hall to individual groups on a few occasions for non-profit activities.

We were interested to note a decrease in vandalism. We feel this is due to maintaining closer juridiction over it's use. We would like to stress to all interested persons that the use of the hall depends entirely upon responsible maintenance.

Michael P. Forgue
Old Town Hall
Committee Head

Lawrence Memorial Hall

During the year of 1967, three hundred new steel chairs were purchased and installed to replace the old wooden chairs which have been in use since the hall was built.

Another project completed was enclosing the stairway going down to the downstairs offices which have been a hazard in the past years during the winter months when snow and ice would settle on the steep steps.

Rooms downstairs were also equipped with new tables and chairs for the Finance Committee, Cemetery Commissioners, etc.

Rental for the hall amounted to seventy dollars in 1967, and was turned over to the Town Treasurer.

Maintenance of the offices and hall itself was done during the year, such as; sanding and sealing floor of Selectmen's office plus painting of the room, hallway floors, front doors were repaired as well as the hand rails going up to the balcony. The podium was sanded down, varnished and new storm windows installed in Selectmen's Office and Town Clerk's Office.

At this time, I would like to say "Thank You" to Mr. Orin Bracey for the well done job as custodian of Lawrence Memorial Hall, and also to Mr. William Chevalier and Mr. Elmer Potter for filling in when Mr. Bracey was out sick.

HERBERT E. SQUIRES
Selectman
Lawrence Memorial Hall

Tree Warden's Report

The winter snow and ice-storms always cause some tree damage. The March 7th storm caused the most damage this year. This department did the usual amount of trimming low, dead and dangerous limbs, removal of twenty-six trees, and planted twenty Rock Maples in various sections of town.

There were fifty-two Elm trees sampled for Dutch Elm Disease. Of these, forty-five were removed.

The Elm trees were sprayed twice with Methoxychlor. Part of the state highway was sprayed once to protect town trees in that vicinity.

ALBERT W. BROWN
Tree Warden and Superintendent of Insect Pest Control

Cemetery Report

The Cemetery Commission met on March 27, 1967 to elect officers and to discuss plans for the coming year. Edward Fuller was elected chairman, and Roy Reece Jr. was elected clerk.

As in previous years, each member was assigned three cemeteries to care for. This includes mowing, clipping and general care.

This year we have completed many projects. We constructed two terraces in Mt. Hope Cemetery, hard topped 50 feet of roadway in Mt. Hope Cemetery, installed 750 feet of drainage pipe in South Cemetery, and graded, loamed, and seeded another forty-five lots, also in South Cemetery. We also purchased a new lowering device this year.

In the coming year we are planning to finish hard topping the roads in Mt. Hope Cemetery, and tar and gravel the roads in South Cemetery.

In 1967 there were nineteen burials. Seven hundred and forty-five dollars was added to the cemetery income account, and six hundred and eight dollars was received from sale of lots.

EDWARD L. FULLER
ROY P. REECE, JR.
EDMUND BLAINE
Cemetery Commissioners

Community Action Committee

Following appointment last spring, this committee organized and has met as occasion arose.

A survey of needy families in the town was made by Mrs. Arlene Bates, Neighborhood Worker for the Hampshire Community Action Commission, who reported to the Selectmen 21 families who merited surplus food and 28 who wished to be included in the Medicaid program. Funds were supplied so that Mrs. Bates was able to furnish boots and warm clothing to children of families in need. During November Mrs. Bates held office hours in Belchertown on Wednesday afternoons.

Belchertown is represented on the Hampshire Community Action Commission by the Secretary of this committee and by its Chairman, who also serves as President of the County organization.

SIDNEY W. WHEELER
Chairman
CHRISTINE L. DAVIN
Secretary
ANN C. AUSTIN
CHARLOTTE KETCHEN
BELDING F. JACKSON
FRANCIS P. LOFTUS, SR.
Community Action
Committee

Municipal Building Committee Report

We herewith submit the final report of the Municipal Building Committee. Appointed by Town Moderator, in compliance with Motion No. 30, passed by the 1966 Annual Meeting of the Town of Belchertown. The Progress Report was submitted at the 1967 Annual Meeting of the Town of Belchertown.

After two years of deliberation and investigation, the Municipal Building Committee is convinced that there is a definite need for improvement in the housing of all municipal departments of the Town of Belchertown. Departments are scattered all over town: in private homes, rented quarters, and in town buildings. Most offices are inadequate, some doing double or triple duty, resulting in very little security and/or privacy, while adequate fireproof storage facilities for town records, especially those of past years, are practically non-existent.

We have felt from the outset that most municipal departments should be housed in one centrally located building. In searching for such a building, we have visited all buildings in town which might be available for such a purpose, and, in addition, have visited municipal buildings in surrounding towns, some new, some renovated, to learn how other towns have dealt with similar problems. During the two years of this study, some changes have taken place in the various municipal departments, and doubtless many more will occur before our recommendations can be carried out; however, we have tried to look into the future and present a plan which will still be effective for some years hence.

We are making the following four recommendations to the Town of Belchertown, although we realize that they cannot all be put into effect immediately.

No. 1. It is the consensus of the Municipal Building Committee that Lawrence Memorial Hall is the ideal building for a municipal building due to its central location; adequate space within for conversion to offices, conference rooms, hearing rooms, and record storage space; and sufficient parking facilities. In our meeting with the Belchertown School Committee, they indicated that they would be willing to vacate this building when and if other quarters, better suited to present-day educational purposes, are available.

When this time comes, we recommend that the Town try to obtain the use of the whole building for a municipal building.

No. 2. In conjunction with the first recommendation, we suggest that the Town consider the advisability of purchasing any property adjacent to Lawrence Memorial Hall that may at any time be placed on the real estate market to provide for the Town's future needs.

No. 3. We again urge that the Town consider the feasibility of purchasing the Grossman property as a center to incorporate the Highway Department, Sewer Department, and possibly the Water District. This property would provide sufficient land for housing all highway department equipment and supplies, plus garages for sewer and police department vehicles. In addition, the front building could be adapted for temporary offices for municipal deparments, if necessary. If the need for office space becomes too drastic before our first recommendation can be carried out, the Old Town Hall could also be converted into temporary offices.

No. 4. We recommend that the Belchertown Fire Chief and the Police Chief develop long range plans for suitable locations and buildings for their respective departments, and that they consider the feasibility of a joint Public Safety Building.

It has been a pleasure to serve the town of Belchertown on the Municipal Building Committee, and we hope that our recommendations will eventually result in a more efficient town government, better working conditions for the various town departments, and greater convenience for the citizens of Belchertown.

JOHN C. CARR, Chmn.
RACHAEL W. FARRINGTON
Clerk
PETER M. DEARNESS
WALTER L. PAPP
CARL J. PETERSON
Municipal Building
Committee

Conservation Report

The preliminary survey by the U. S. Soil Conservation Service started last year is being consumated and it is expected that land use potential maps will be available early this year. Your conservation commission has asked for $200.00 to be placed in the land acquisition fund. It is hoped that a like amount can be added each year so that funds for the acquisition of land will be available. With industries expanding more and more into the suburbs the purchase of land by state agencies and the continuing development of land for commercial enterprises, it is imperative that some areas of land be set aside for your use and kept in its natural state.

The Commission respectfully solicits your support and is open to suggestions.

EDWARD LOFLAND, Chm.
SHERMAN GOULD
MRS. EDWARD BARTLETT
MRS. BLAKE JACKSON
LOREN GLAZIER -
E. HOLLAND LOW
JOHN FLETCHER
ALBERT BRIGHENTI
Conservation Commission

Sealer of Weights & Measures Report

The following were tested and sealed Jan. 1, 1967 to Dec. 31, 1967.

Scales over 10,000 lbs.	1
Scales 100 lbs. to 5000 lbs.	8
Scales under 100 lbs.	19
Avoirdupois Weights	23
Apothecary Troy Weights	7
Gasoline Pumps	15
Kerosene Pumps	1
Grease Pumps	6
Yard Stick	1

I have collected and turned over to the Town Treasurer, fees amounting to $135.60.

ROYAL K. GAY
Sealer of Weights
and Measures

Sewer Commissioner's Report

The tabulated sewerage flows at the new Sewage Treatment Plant at the State School amounted to 100,204,784 gallons, 49.95 per cent was from the town and 50.05 per cent from the State School. Although the cost of this treatment has risen sharply this past year, we feel that the town is most fortunate to share this modern facility, which is one of the finest in this area.

The metering device at #2 meter house was repaired and a large area constructed to make it possible to turn around at this building.

Two new services were installed this year making a total of 262 services.

The resurfacing of Old Springfield Road, North Washington Street and South Main Street required the raising of all the manhole frames and covers. This was done in cooperation with the Highway Department.

The cooperation of the State School, Town Officials and residents has been greatly appreciated.

The retirement of Mr. Fred Lincoln from the Sewer Commission was deeply regretted. He has always worked faithfully and conscientiously for the good of this department and the town.

D. DONALD HAZEN
HARRY BROUGHAM
Sewer Commissioners

Zoning By-Law Officer Report

During the year 78 Building Permits were issued with an estimated valuation of $499,311.66. Numerous zoning violations on gravel banks and trailers have been looked into and acted upon. I feel that the Town should look into and adopt at least a limited Building Code which would pertain to new multiple dwellings, buildings, and new business establishments. The Town is starting to grow more every year and now is the time to prepare for the future. I want to thank the Board of Selectmen, John Reed, and the people of Belchertown for cooperating with me during the year.

DONALD F. BOCK

Zoning By-Law
Enforcement Officer

Study Committee

The committee on the Survey for Housing for the Elderly have been working very hard trying to determine if there is a need for this housing in Belchertown.

From the responses to date from our

Survey, we feel that there is a very definite need.

We have visited such homes in other areas and find them to be ideal. Rents average around $55 per month and some are much lower - according to the tenants ability to pay.

A majority of the houses consist of six or eight units in keeping with the usual small apartment-size house. Some of the units have a completely equipped kitchen with facilities for a very large group such as a Christmas Dinner, etc. Here also the family laundry may be taken care of, if one so desires. The only regulation for this is that one signs up in advance for a large gathering.

The units may be inspected at any time and this makes for the best care taken of the equipment.

To meet the requirements to be a resident, a person must not earn over $2,500 a year if alone, and not over $3,000 if for two persons or a couple.

We have looked at many land areas here in town and find several excellently situated and within walking distance of the stores and churches - any of such we feel sure that the State would approve.

The inhabitants of the town would have first choice of the units and then applicants from out-of-town would be considered, as the units fill up. Already we have had applications from persons who have sons or daughters in town and who would like to locate here.

Word from Boston assures us that there would be absolutely no cost to the town. Even the maintenance man is taken care of by them.

We do hope that when this comes to a vote by the Town, it will heartily vote a big Yes.

HUDSON HOLLAND, Chair.
IRENE ORLANDO, Sec.
WILLIAM MALSTED
MORGAN RYTHER
FRANCIS P. LOFTUS

Town Manager, Exec. Secretary

The committee was established by Article number seventeen, passed by the Annual meeting of the town of Belchertown, with the obligation of rendering a written report on its progress to the townspeople at the 1968 Annual Town Meeting.

The committee was organized in July, 1967 and has held six committee meetings. We have conferred with the town Selectmen, a Town Manager and an Executive Secretary, from neighboring towns, and the Bureau of Government Research at the University of Massachusetts.

The town Selectmen were interviewed regarding their duties and time spent on their activities.

We appreciate the cooperation of the Selectmen, Mr. Allan Torrey, Town Manager of Amherst, Mr. Joseph A. Rieley, Executive Secretary of the Town of Wilbraham, and Mr. Edwin A. Gere, Jr. of the Government Reasearch Bureau, for their help in gathering the information necessary for this study.

We have studied reports of various towns in Massachusetts and compared them with our town.

We strongly recommend that the town approve the increased budgets of $300.00 for Selectmen's expenses, $550.00 for town accountant, $500.00 from the Highway department and $500.00 from the Police department for a combined salary of $4500.00 for a full time Town Accountant and Selectmen's Secretary. We feel that a position of full time Accountant and Secretary is necessary in the town office, to improve coordination between the various departments.

The committee is not yet ready to make a final report of employing a Town Manager of Executive Secretary, but feels that it needs more time to study and appraise the information gathered during the past year.

ALFRED C. DREW, JR.
Chairman
BERNARD BOWLER
FRANK E. FARRINGTON, JR.
WILLIAM R. MALMSTEDT
EDWARD H. PARKER
Study Committee

School Needs Committee

At the time of the Annual Town Meeting of 1967, this committee submitted an interim report which is attached hereto. The following is a second and final report.

As stated in the first report, an additional seven (7) to ten (10) classrooms will be required to accommodate the school population by the year 1972. This is based on the pupil population projection obtained from the Superintendent of Schools, and takes into consideration mandatory kindergarten and extension of the required attendance age to 18.

After much deliberation the following suggestions are offered as possible solutions.

The first suggestion is recognized to be the most desirable program: which is, a new separate building be constructed to house the middle or intermediate grades. This would enable phasing out of the older school buildings whose facilities are becoming inadequate and inefficient to operate. These buildings could then be sold or converted to other town activities. The Committee feels that this building could be located in close proximity to the Junior-Senior High School in order to create an academic complex that would allow the utilization of all facilities to their maximum potential.

The second suggestion is the retention of all present facilities; construction of additions to Cold Spring School and the Junior-Senior High School; and renting of available space in the town as practiced in the past.

The third, and least desirable solution is the retention of all present facilities and the institution of double session as the school population increases.

The possibility of Belchertown joining in a Regional Vocational School must be taken into account and will have some effect on the pupil load. However, the maximum anticipated attendance from Belchertown will be about forty (40) students and will not make a significant impact on the overall space problem.

As this report was being prepared, it was learned that a committee of the State Department of Education is advocating that school districts have no less than two thousand (2000) pupils. Since the Belchertown school population is well below this figure it can be assumed that it would be necessary to join with one or more other communities to form a new school district. This program is still being studied, and public hearings will be held this summer throughout the state. If this action is taken it would be an implementation of a recommendation already approved in the Willis Report.

It is strongly recommended that further exploration of this proposed system be undertaken before any decision is made regarding the suggestions described above.

HARVEY DICKINSON
Chairman
E. HOLLAND LOW
Clerk
MICHAEL OBERLY
MRS. CHARLES W. JACKSON
MRS. MILTON R. LOCKE
School Needs Committee

Report of Tax and Town Collector

1964 Real Estate

Outstanding 1/1/67		1351.40
Collected	1223.40	
Tax titles	128.00	
Outstanding 12/31/67	0.00	
	1351.40	1351.40

1965 Real Estate

Outstanding 1/1/67		7796.49
Refunds		39.00
Collected	5522.79	
Abated	39.00	
Tax titles	2273.70	
Outstanding 12/31/67	0.00	
	7835.49	7835.49

1966 Real Estate

Outstanding 1/1/67		38558.80
Refunds		185.00
Collected	34500.63	
Abated	207.20	
Tax titles	2164.50	
Outstanding 12/31/67	1871.47	
	38743.80	38743.80

1967 Real Estate

Committed for collection		633810.80
Refunds		2748.66
Collected	569391.50	
Abated	32818.66	
Tax titles	2324.00	
Outstanding 12/31/67	32025.30	
	636559.46	636559.46

1965 Personal Property Tax

Outstanding 1/1/67		218.79
Collected	19.50	
Abated	199.29	
Outstanding 12/31/67	0.00	
	218.79	218.79

1966 Personal Property

Outstanding 1/1/67		701.52
Refunds		5.55
Collected	434.75	
Abated	33.67	
Outstanding 12/31/67	238.65	
	707.07	707.07

1967 Personal Property

Committed for collection		44102.80
Refunds		4.40
Collected	39642.80	
Abated	308.40	
Outstanding 12/31/67	4156.00	
	44107.20	44107.20

1966 Farm Animal Excise

Outstanding 1/1/67		107.25
Collected	107.25	
Outstanding 12/31/67	0.00	
	107.25	107.25

1967 Farm Animal Excise

Committed for collection		945.95
Collected	824.20	
Outstanding 12/31/67	121.75	
	945.95	945.95

1964 Motor Vehicle Excise

Outstanding 1/1/67		34.73
Abated	34.73	
Outstanding 12/31/67	0.00	
	34.73	34.73

1965 Motor Vehicle Excise

Outstanding 1/1/67		1730.01

Collected	389.67	
Abated	1340.34	
Outstanding 12/31/67	0.00	
	1730.01	1730.01

1966 Motor Vehicle Excise

Outstanding 1/1/67		10253.68
Committed for collection		8124.90
Refunds		1619.68
Collected	15287.84	
Abated	4040.07	
Outstanding 12/31/67	670.35	
	19998.26	19998.26

1967 Motor Vehicle Excise

Committed for collection		90167.22
Refunds		4141.16
Collected	81916.99	
Abated	7890.93	
Outstanding 12/31/67	4500.46	
	94308.38	94308.38

Miscellaneous Accounts Receivable

Outstanding 1/1/67		1244.63
Committed for collection		605.75
Collected	632.75	
Abated	1008.63	
Outstanding 12/31/67	209.00	
	1850.38	1850.38

1967 Sewer Betterment (Appor.)

Committed for collection		33.74
Collected	33.74	
Outstanding 12/31/67	0.00	
	33.74	33.74

1967 Committed Interest (Bet. Appor.)

Committed for collection		4.05
Collected	4.05	
Outstanding 12/31/67	0.00	
	4.05	4.05

1963 Sewer Charges

Outstanding 1/1/67		15.00
Outstanding 12/31/67	15.00	
	15.00	15.00

1964 Sewer Charges

Outstanding 1/1/67		15.00
Abated	15.00	
Outstanding 12/31/67	0.00	
	15.00	15.00

1965 Sewer Charges

Outstanding 1/1/67		90.00
Collected	30.00	
Abated	30.00	
Outstanding 12/31/67	30.00	
	90.00	90.00

1966 Sewer Charges

Outstanding 1/1/67		240.00
Collected	131.55	
Outstanding 12/31/67	108.45	
	240.00	240.00

1967 Sewer Charges

Outstanding 1/1/67		5678.22
Collected	5403.81	
Outstanding 12/31/67	274.41	
	5678.22	5678.22

Taxes, Excises, Sewers, etc. collected during 1967	$748,272.36
Demand and Warrant fees Collected during 1967	1,294.00
Interest on all taxes, excises, ect., during 1967	2,187.48
Paid over to Town Treasurer Grand Total	$751,753.84

ROBERT D. CAMP, SR.
Tax & Town Collector

Report of Town Clerk

FINANCIAL

Receipts	No.	Amount
Sporting licences (gross)	602	$3305.90
Dog licenses (gross)	690	1884.00
UCC (Mort. & Term.)	247	641.00
Marriage intentions	47	98.00
Pole orders (Elec. & Tel.)	11	44.00
Registration of business	3	3.00
Registration(Stor. of fuels)	27	13.50
Federal Liens & discharges	3	7.00
B-M-D copies (Certified)	209	208.50
Sale of Town maps	37	18.50
Reg. of M.D. to practice	1	1.00
Attachment	1	2.00
Declaration of trust	1	5.00
Sale of Street List	1	1.00
Totals	1880	$6232.40

Payments	To	Amount
Sporting licenses (net)	F&G Div.	$1711.75
Sporting license, fees	Town	172.25
Dog licenses (net)	Hamp. County	3167.00
Dog license, fees	Town	138.90
UCC(Mort. & Term.)	Town	641.00
Marriage intentions	Town	98.00
Pole orders (Elec. & Tel.)	Town	44.00
Registration of business	Town	3.00
Registration (Stor. of fuels)	Town	13.50
Federal Liens & discharges	Town	7.00
B-M-D copies (Certified)	Town	208.50
Sale of Town maps	Town	18.50
Registration of M.D.	Town	1.00
Attachment	Town	2.00
Declaration of trust	Town	5.00
Sale of Street List	Town	1.00
Total		$6232.40

1967 Vital Statistics Report

Births, marriages and deaths recorded during the year 1967.

Births

Place	Boys	Girls	Total
Northampton	14	6	20
Holyoke	5	8	13
Ware	9	4	13
Springfield	1	4	5
Chicopee	3	3	6
Palmer	3	2	5
Totals	35	27	62

Marriages

Persons	Male	Female	Total
Resident	23	28	51
Non-resident	28	23	51
Totals	51	51	102

Place of marriage	No.
Belchertown	26
Other Cities and Towns (Mass.)	24
Out of State	1
Total	51
Marriage intentions filed at Belchertown	47

Deaths

Male 36 Female 33 Total 69

Place of Death	No.
Belchertown	44
Ware	6
Northampton	5
Palmer	4
Holyoke	4
Springfield	2
Pelham	1
Brimfield	1
Westfield	1
Sturbridge	1
Total	69
Resident	37
Non-resident	32
	69

ROBERT D. CAMP, SR.
Town Clerk

Jury List

1967 - 1968

TOWN OF BELCHERTOWN

Name	Address	Occupation and Name and Address of Employer	If person is a married woman, husband's name, occupation and name of his employer
Male			
Armstrong, Robert	Mill Valley Rd.	Retired, Westover, Mass.	
Austin, Lewis J.	Shea Ave.	Street light Patrolman, Mass. Elec. Co., Palmer, Mass.	
Barrett, Warren P.	Jackson St.	Engineer, American Bosch, Springfield, Mass.	
Beddington, James D.	Railroad St.	Mgr. - Retail Store, W. T. Grant Co., New York	
Birge, Albert B.	Stebbins St.	Welding work, Nat'l. Blank Co., Holyoke Mass.	
Bonafini, James A., Sr.	Franklin St.	Sheet metal mechanic, Zero Mfg. Co., Monson, Mass.	
Brougham, Ralph C.	Jabish St.	Loader operator, Self employed	
Choquette, Paul E.	Stebbins St.	Storekeeper, General Electric, Springfield, Mass.	
Clark, Alfred H., Jr.	Amherst Rd.	Technical Assistant, University of Mass.	
Cole, Donald S.	North Main St.	Excavating Contractor, Self employed	
Cook, Harold P.	Park St.	Heavy equipment mechanic, Kellog Communications	
DeWitt, Giles R.	Allen Rd.	Supv. Liason Engineering, Kaman Aircraft corp., Conn.	
Dyer, Clifford J.	South Main St.	Cable Splicer, New England Tel. & Tel., Palmer, Mass.	
Gentile, Lewis A.	Warren Wright Rd.	Tool & Gauge Inspector, Bosch Arma Corp., Spfld., Mass.	
Goodrow, Francis E.	Bay Rd.	Laboratory Assistant, U. S. Rubber Co., Chicopee Falls, Mass.	
Greene, Merle R.	Jackson St.	Life Insurance Agent, Prudential Ins. Co.	
Ferenz, William	Ware Rd.	Foreman, Metro. District Comm.	
Harrington, Stanford J.	Park St.	Corporation Officer, S. J. Harrington, Inc.	
Hazen, Donald D.	Maple St.	Trucking, self-employed	
Henty, Walter J.	State St.	Electrician, U. S. Rubber, Chicopee Falls	
Holt, Clifford E.	Bardwell St.	Service Manager, Walker Motor Sales, Palmer Mass.	
Hubler, Miles J.	Amherst Rd.	Retired, Civil Engineer, U. S. Dept. Agr., Amherst	
Jackson, Charles W.	Gulf Rd.	Retired	
Lacey, William J., Jr.	State St.	Retired	
Loftus, Francis, Jr.	Old Spfld. Rd.	Mixer operator, Monsanto Chemical Co., Indian Orchard, Mass.	
Loftus, Norman S.	So. Washington St.	Asst. extruder operator, Monsanto Chemical Co., Springfield	
Lucia, Bruce Dean	Alden Ave.	Carpenter, Belchertown State School, Belchertown, Mass.	

McHaffie, William N.	Bay Road	Experimental Tube Bender, Titeflex, Inc.
Meaux, Hyman A.	Amherst Rd.	Machinist, Kollmorgan Corp., Northampton, Mass.
Monks, James	Amherst Rd.	Machinist, Nat'l. Blank Book Co., Holyoke
Murphy, Leslie H.	Munsell St.	Machinist, Kollmorgan Optical, Northampton, Mass.
Nolan, James F.	Warner Rd.	Tractor-trailer driver, Spector Freight System, Chicago, Ill.
Panzer, Frederick E.	Fuller St.	Civil Engineer, Mass. DPW
Parmenter, Albert G.	No. Washington St.	Asst. Civil Engineer, Comm. of Mass. DPW
Perham, Donald	Springfield Rd.	Molder, Springfield Foundry
Plant, Harvey R.	Allen Rd.	Bulldozer Operator, Don Cole
Rhodes, Theodore C.	Warren Wright Rd.	Carpenter, University of Mass.
Ribeiro, Adelino	Stebbins St.	Pipe fitter & welder, Valley Paper Co., Holyoke, Mass.
Robinson, Russell E.	Allen Rd.	Civil Engineer, Comm. of Mass. DPW
Scialla, Frank	Jackson St.	Machinist, Tampax, Inc., Palmer
Shea, Daniel P.	Jensen Rd.	Blacksmith, Comm. of Mass.
Shutty, John A.	Bay Rd.	Machisist, American Bosch Arma, Springfield, Mass.
Trombly, Ralph W.	Sears Rd.	Self employed, owner & operator Ins. & Real Estate Business
Vanasse, Robert N.	Maple St.	Deceased
Wheble, Sidney T., Jr.	Jackson St.	Welder, Quabbin Industries, Inc.
Female		
Burke, Alice M.	Old Enfield Rd.	Clerk & Cashier, First National Store
Camp, Edna	Jackson St.	(Camp, Robert D., Sr.) Town employee, Town Clerk, Treas. etc.
Chadbourne, Catherine	North Main St.	Retired, Chadbourne Petroleum Products, Belchertown, Mass.
Grover, Doris A.	Federal St.	(Grover, Frank W.) Material controller, Westover AFB
Hill, Harriet	North Main St.	Senior Clerk & Typist, Belchertown State School
Knight, Margaret L.	Everett Ave.	(Knight, Howard) Guard, Shawinigan Corp., Indian Orchard
Nelson, Margit V.	Franklin St.	(Nelson, John) Photographer, New Eng. Photo Engraving, Spfld.
Orlando, Irene B.	South Main St.	Retired, Teacher, Belchertown
Papp, Helen L.	Mill Valley Rd.	Asst. Librarian, Clapp Memorial Library
Pratt, Ann E.	Daniel Shays Hgwy.	(Merton L. Pratt) Mechanic, Dorey Motor Sales, Belchertown
Reed, Anna	Gold St.	(Reed, John H.) Police Officer, Belchertown
Smith, Amanda	Federal St.	(Smith, Emmons C.) Foreman, Monsanto Chemical Corp., Spfld.
Terry, Barbara	Turkey Hill Rd.	(Terry, Donald M.) Self-employed Dairy Farmer, Belchertown
Tolpa, Eleanor	Federal St.	(Tolpa, Joseph) Foreman, Belchertown Salvage Co.
Wadsworth, Louise	Mill Valley Rd.	(Wadsworth, Walter M.) Whirlpool Inc., Benton Harbor, Michigan

BALLOTS CAST TOWN ELECTION March 6, 1967

		Precinct A			Precinct B			Grand
Office	Name	Votes	Blanks	Total	Votes	Blanks	Total	Totals
MODERATOR								
	Charles W. Jackson	676			99			775
			121			26		147
				797			125	922
TOWN CLERK								
	Robert D. Camp, Sr.	685			105			790
			112			20		132
				797			125	922
SELECTMEN (2)								
	Michael S. Mathras	370			69			439
	William H. Squires, Jr.	477			47			524
	Herbert E. Squires	489			75			564
	Ramon H. Horta	50			7			57
			208			52		260
				1594			250	1844
TREASURER								
	Robert D. Camp, Sr.	687			104			791
			110			21		131
				797			125	922
SEWER COMMISSIONER								
	Harry L. Brougham	574			51			625
	John C. Carr	199			60			259
			24			14		38
				797			125	922
CECETERY COMMISSIONER								
	Roy P. Reece, Jr.	686			94			780
			111			31		142
				797			125	922
BOARD OF HEALTH								
	Kenneth L. Collard	673			104			777
			124			21		145
				797			125	922
TREE WARDEN								
	Albert W. Brown	706			106			812
			91			19		110
				797			125	922
SCHOOL COMMITTEE (2)								
	David A. Staples	567			68			635
	Harold W. Willey	547			94			641
			480			88		568
				1594			250	1844
ASSESSOR								
	Harold B. Ketchen	402			41			443
	Peter M. Dearness	361			78			439
			34			6		40
				797			125	922
PLANNING BOARD								
	Donald S. Cole	581			84			665
	Leo B. Hall	188			34			222
			28			7		35
				797			125	922

A true copy, Attest:

ROBERT D. CAMP, Sr.
Town Clerk

Registered Voters at the Close of Registration February 14, 1967 at 10:00 P.M.

	Men	Women	Totals
Precinct A	777	805	1582
Precinct B	167	152	319
Totals	944	957	1901

Registered by Party Designation and Unenrolled Voters.

	Men Precinct		Women Precinct		Totals Precinct	
	A	B	A	B	A	B
Republican	261	26	276	19	537	45
Democrat	159	48	156	45	315	93
Independent	357	93	373	88	730	181
Totals	777	167	805	152	1582	319
					1901	

Attest: ROBERT D. CAMP, SR.
Town Clerk

License Fees

All Alcoholic	500.00
Retail Package Goods	375.00
All Alcoholic Club	325.00
Package Goods, Wine & Malt only	150.00
Salvage Business	25.00
Automatic Amusement	20.00
Class I	10.00
Class II	10.00
Class III	10.00
Junk Dealer	10.00
One-Day Beer	10.00
One-Day Dog Trials	10.00
One-Day Auctioneer	5.00
Sunday Entertainment	10.00
Weekday Entertainment	5.00
Common Victuallers	2.00
Gunnery Range	2.00
Target Shoot	2.00
Turkey Shoot	2.00
Taxi Permit	1.00

Jurors Drawn for Service During 1967

Traverse

March 16, 1967
George B. Jackson Barbara Downing
April 3, 1967
Mitchell A. Sroka John F. McDermott
August 7, 1967
Louis A. Gentile Clifford E. Holt
October 2, 1967
Harriet Hill Norman S. Loftus
December 27, 1967
Warren P. Barrett Anna Reed

Grand
December 27, 1967
Alice M. Burke

ROBERT D. CAMP, SR.
Town Clerk

Planning Board

In 1967 the Board recommended a number of zoning changes and produced a new Zoning Map. As an offset to complaints of "Spot Zoning", the Board originated a re-zoning of a part of Route 9 to Business. This section, next to the Amherst line, is about a mile long and it is hoped that it will attract business from Amherst.

RAYMOND V. BURKE
DONALD S. COLE
JAS. F. HAYWARD
WM. H. HENNEMANN, JR.
SIDNEY W. WHEELER
Planning Board

Report of Town Treasurer

Cash in treasury Jan. 1, 1967	$ 251,662.91
Receipts during 1967	1,674,813.70
	$1,926,476.61
Payments during 1967	$1,663,836.55
Cash in treasury Dec. 31, 1967	262,640.06
	$1,926,476.61
Income from savings deposits, exclusive of trust funds	$1,004.03

Cash borrowed during 1967 (Short Term Notes)

# 247 dated 3/20/67, $50,000.00 due 11/01/67 discounted @ 2.60% $801.64
# 248 dated 4/28/67, 150,000.00 due 12/01/67 discounted @ 2.30% 2,079.51
# 250 dated 8/21/67, 100,000.00 due 12/15/67 discounted @ 2.89% 931.22
Total borrowed
during 1967 $300,000.00 Total cost to borrow $3,812.37

During 1967 the town employed 312 persons, most of whom were part time or emergency employees.

Gross salaries and wages earned	$585,889.83
Less payroll deductions (taxes, retirement, Ins.)	116,058.81
Net salaries and wages paid to employees	$469,831.02

Report of Trust Funds

Fund	1/1/67	W'drn	Interest	Deposit	12/31/67
George D. Longley (Music)	$ 2621.76		114.60		2736.36
Calvin Bridgman (High Sch.)	7382.67		322.76		7705.43
Calvin Bridgman (Library)	4512.89	500.00	197.28		4210.17
S M D Bridgman Cemetery	602.73		26.33		629.06
S M D Bridgman Poor Fund*	6028.41		263.53		6291.94
Whiting Street Poor Fund	12602.86	767.47	539.03		12374.42
Willard Stebbins Cemetery	1715.17		74.97		1790.14
Nellie E. Brown Cemetery	1121.16	40.00	48.12		1129.28
Perpetual Care Cemeteries	35695.48	1498.43	1564.55	425.00	36186.60
Vienna Somes Cemetery	323.88		14.12		338.00
Post War Rehabilitation**	137.53	140.44	2.91		0.00
Stabilization Fund**	6218.10		565.29	10140.44	16923.83
Totals	$78962.64	2946.34	3733.49	10565.44	90315.23

* In addition to this balance ($6291.94) there are 875 shares of common capital stock of the First National Bank of Amherst @ $10.00 per. The original bequest of Susan M. D. Bridgman Poor Fund was 35 shares of the above bank stock valued @ $100.00 per.

**Indicates Post War Rehabilitation Fund withdrawn and deposited with the Stabilization Fund. (Authorized)

ROBERT D. CAMP, SR.
Treasurer

Report of Town Accountant

RECEIPTS
1967

GENERAL REVENUE
Taxes:

Current Year:	
Property	609,034.30
Previous Years:	
Property	41,701.07
Other Local:	
Farm Animal	931.45
Tax Title Redemp.	1,995.00
Lieu Of Taxes	1,274.88
From the State:	
Valuation Basis	6,272.25
Corporation	2,241.49
State Tax Basis	78,792.59
Chapter 70	131,287.24
Chapter 69-71	39,433.00
	$912,963.27

LICENSES AND PERMITS

Licenses:	
All Alcoholic	2,875.00
All Other	292.00
PERMITS:	
Marriage	98.00
	$3,265.00

FINES AND FORFEITS:

Court	995.00
Dept. Penalties	1,310.67
	$2,305.67

GRANTS AND GIFTS:

Grants from Fed. Government	52,869.51
Grants from State	69,567.89
Grants from County	10,549.12
	$132,986.52
Gift, Metacomet Fox, Rod & Gun Club	583.53

COMMERCIAL REVENUE:

Special Assessments:	
Sewers	5,565.36
Apportionment	33.74
	$5,599.10

PRIVILEGES:

Motor Veh. Ex.	$97,596.50

DEPARTMENTAL

Financial:	
Collector Fees	948.00
Other Gen. Depts.:	
Town Clerk Fees	1,252.40
Board of Appeals	100.00
Planning Board	20.00
Zoning	232.00
Municipal Buildings:	
Rental	172.00
	$2,724.40

PUBLIC SAFETY

Police Department:	
Licenses & Permits	103.00
All Other	76.86
Sealer of Weights & Measures	135.60
Civil Defense	40.00
	$355.46

HEALTH & SANITATION

Health:	113.00

HIGHWAYS

Snow & Sanding	1,656.50
General	8,033.13
	$9,689.63

PUBLIC WELFARE

Disability Assistance State	108.58
Aid to Dependent Children State	3,804.25
Old Age Assistance State	5,704.61
Medical Assistance State	8,795.32
	$18,412.76

VETERANS' SERVICES

Reimbursement for Relief from the State	1,692.44

SCHOOLS

Tuition of State Wards	3,726.10
Transportation of State Wards	676.70
Miscellaneous:	
Food Services (Lunches)	54,225.35
Athletic Acct.	744.79
Other	158.18
	$59,531.12

UNCLASSIFIED

Receipts not Previously Recorded:	
Old Age Recovery	3,984.46
Rent of property not used for municipal purposes	335.00
All Other	605.25
	$4,924.71

CEMETERIES

Sale of Lots	183.00
Care of Endowed Lots	425.00
All Other	790.00
	$1,398.00

ADMINISTRATION OF TRUST FUNDS

Total Trust Funds	5,046.34

INTEREST

On Deposits	2,070.70
On Deferred Taxes	2,273.39
On Deferred Spec. Assessments	4.05
	$4,348.14

MUNICIPAL INDEPTEDNESS

Temporary Loans	300,000.00
Short Term Loan Authorized	5,250.00
	$305,250.00

AGENCY, TRUST & INVESTMENT

Agency:	
Dog Licenses for the County	1,713.50
Sporting Lic. for the State	3,064.00
TRUST:	
Federal Withholding	72,088.40
Retirement	5,792.23
State Withholding	10,130.65
Blue Cross - Blue Shield, Emp.	8,189.72
Blue Cross - Blue Shield, Pensioners	176.32
B.C.-B.S. O.M.E.	771.68
Group Life	996.78
Insurance Reserve	673.44
	$103,596.72
REFUNDS	2,527.15

TOTAL CASH BEGINNING OF YEAR	$251,662.91
GRAND TOTAL RECEIPTS & CASH ON HAND	$1,926,528.37

EXPENDITURES
1967

SELECTMEN:

Salaries	3,075.00
Expenses:	
Assoc. Dues	207.66
Assoc. Meetings	333.50
Clerical	697.64
Telephone	225.62
Mileage	112.00
Legal Fees	210.00
All Other	213.58
	$2,000.00

TOWN ACCOUNTANT:

Salary	1,750.00
Expenses:	
Assoc. Dues	5.00
Maint. of Equip.	33.00
Office Supplies	145.68
	183.68

TREASURER:

Salary	2,300.00
Expenses:	
Bonds	228.00
Assoc. Dues	6.00
Printing & Postage	377.50
Clerical Wages	897.03
Office Supplies	192.03
Maint. of Equip.	60.03
Mileage	104.16
All Other	5.25
	$1,870.00

STATE AUDIT	24.66
NEW TYPEWRITER ARTICLE 23	190.50

COLLECTOR:

Salary	2,500.00
Expenses:	
Bonds	387.00
Assoc. Dues	9.00
Printing & Postage	575.45
Clerical Wages	1,046.00
Office Supplies	155.90
Mileage	46.90
All Other	49.75
	$2,270.00

ASSESSORS:

Salaries	1,600.00
Expenses:	
Assoc Dues	21.00
Clerical Wages	1,660.30
Printing & Postage	219.75
Telephone	170.75
Maintaining Valuation	1,589.00
Mileage	77.50
Office Supplies	250.83
Transfers & Deeds	237.60
All Other	18.16
	$4,244.89

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Assoc. Dues	25.00
Assoc. Meetings	37.00
	$62.00

TOWN CLERK:

Salary	1,100.00
Expenses:	
Bonds	20.00
Assoc. Dues	14.00
Printing & Postage	103.25
Clerical Wages	233.74
Telephone	179.80
Office Supplies	235.40
Mileage	27.97
New Equipment	133.91
All Other	11.93
	$960.00

LAW:

Town Counsel Retainer	700.00
Other Legal Fees	315.50
All Other	105.50
	$1,121.00

ELECTION & REGISTRATION

Registrars	694.59
Posting Warrants	20.00
Mileage	9.25
Clerical Wages	262.00
Street Listing	423.45
Printing	393.00
All Other	72.87
	$1,875.16

PLANNING BOARD:

Professional Services	100.00
Law	50.00

Clerical Wages	10.00
Office Supplies	19.90
Assoc. Meetings	18.60
Zoning Maps	58.50
Hearing Notices	4.50
All Other	29.15
	$290.65

BOARD OF APPEALS:

Clerical	15.00
Printing	9.00
Advertising Hearings	28.13
Postage	24.60
	$76.73

ZONING BY-LAW OFFICER:

Salary	424.50
Expenses	157.21

CONSERVATION COMMISSION:

Assoc. Dues	25.00

OLD TOWN HALL:

Janitor	345.60
Fuel	511.53
Repairs And Replacements	239.92
Electricity	102.10
New Roof	380.00
Well	77.93
All Other	26.32
	$1,683.40

LAWRENCE MEMORIAL HALL:

Janitor	471.50
New Equipment & Furnishings	2,205.43
Enclosing Outside Staircase	550.00
Repointing	529.30
Burner Service	44.01
Electricity	309.88
Repairs And Replacements	125.19
Care of Grounds	60.90
All Other	8.68
	$4,304.89

TOWN GARAGE:

Electricity	103.78
Telephone	140.67
Fuel	591.11
Water	45.94
All Other	28.50
	$910.00

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Wages	17,347.07
Clerical	300.00
Law	315.00
Telephone	337.02
Assoc. Dues	15.00
Radio Service	269.53
Repairs - Pickup	202.00
Cruiser Repairs & Maintenance	657.98
Ambulance Repairs	518.40
Dry Cleaning	32.75
Gas And Oil	1,659.71
Office Supplies	98.38
Refill Oxygen	20.00
Tires	53.27
Film	41.90
Uniforms	759.15
All Other	268.09
	$22,895.25

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chief's Salary	600.00
Telephone	402.65
Electricity	134.02
Permits	80.00
Radio Service	63.73
Painting Station	468.70
Snow Removal	72.00
Burner Service And Fuel	411.01
Repairs - Fire Truck	558.17
Assoc. Dues	15.00
Gas And Oil	226.76
Replacements	1,256.04
All Other	637.60
	$4,925.68

WATER STORAGE HOLES:	441.54

HYDRANT SERVICE	3,000.00

INSECT PEST CONTROL:

Wages	264.00
Equipment	396.00
Materials	90.00
	$750.00

DUTCH ELM DISEASE:

Wages	824.00
Equipment	476.00
	$1,300.00

TREE WARDEN:

Wages	996.00
Clerical Wages	6.00
Equipment	623.50
Assoc. Dues	7.00
Conference	7.00
Trees	210.00
	$1,849.50

FOREST FIRE:

Wages	1,677.20
WIRE INSPECTOR	300.00

SEALING WEIGHTS AND MEASURES:

Sealer Fees	
Salary	100.00
Expenses	24.83
	$124.83

DOG OFFICER:

Fees	1,377.00
Expenses	237.40

CIVIL DEFENSE:

Director-Salary	150.00
Expenses	
Telephone	12.61
Radio Service	68.95
Remodel Office	50.00
All Other	21.95
	$153.51

BOARD OF HEALTH:

Salaries	350.00
Expenses:	
Agents Salary	445.00
Agents Expense	208.00
Clerical Wages	77.00
Plumbing and Gas Inspector	300.00
Animal Inspector	300.00
Pest Control	111.00
Clinics	362.22
All Other	170.18
	$1,973.40

SEWER MAINTENANCE:

Commissioners Salaries	650.00
Maintenance:	
Wages	855.00
Equipment-Hired	147.00
Materials	53.70
New Equipment	164.50
Repairs And Replacements	71.77
Gas And Oil	33.32
Mowing	52.25
All Other	30.72
	$1,408.26

TOWN DUMP:

Caretakers Wages	360.00
Bulldozing	326.00
All Other Wages	410.00
Gravel	123.00
Hired Equipment	33.25
	$1,252.25

HIGHWAYS, CHAPTER 81:

Wages	9,972.80
Insurance	673.44
Town Equipment	2,841.58
Hired Equipment	1,624.58
Materials	8,773.57
Sweeping	1,286.95
All Other	289.60
Snow:	
Wages	2,039.25
Equipment	1,915.50
Salt	2,633.16
Sand	1,583.50
	$33,633.93

HIGHWAYS, CHAPTER 90 C:

Wages	7,586.11
Town Equipment	3,100.50
Hired Equipment	4,106.50
Removal of Trees And Stumps	1,389.28
Contractor	3,455.92
Paving Contract	5,820.82
Materials	14,299.48
All Other	388.50
	$40,147.11

HIGHWAYS, CHAPTER 90 M:

Wages	3,428.15
Town Equipment	984.80
Hired Equipment	1,238.50
Materials	9,109.84
Guard Rails	198.46
Paint	40.25
	$15,000.00

HIGHWAYS, CHAPTER 679:

3,223.43

HIGHWAYS, GENERAL:

Wages	4,260.40
Clerical Wages	260.00
Equipment	514.00
Street Signs	1,132.11
Pipe	120.43
Materials	1,236.25
All Other	187.99
	$7,711.18

HIGHWAYS, WINTER EMPLOYMENT:

Wages	5,143.80
Equipment	503.00
Materials	167.55
All Other	40.47
	$5,854.82

HIGHWAYS, BRUSHCUTTING:

Wages	1,426.00
Equipment	1,024.00
Clerical Wages	50.00
	$2,500.00

HIGHWAYS, ALLEN:

Wages	990.80
All Other	200.00
	$1,190.80

HIGHWAYS, BARDWELL:

Wages	440.00
All Other	753.86
	$1,193.86

HIGHWAYS, GULF:

Wages	850.00
All Other	349.20
	$1,200.00

HIGHWAYS, KNIGHT:

Wages	459.80
All Other	736.72
	$1,196.52

HIGHWAYS, MILL VALLEY:

Wages	689.00
All Other	308.00
	$997.00

HIGHWAYS, ORCHARD:

Wages	924.45
All Other	272.00
	$1,196.45

HIGHWAYS, PINE:

Wages	654.90
All Other	543.86
	$1,198.76

HIGHWAYS, SHAW:

Wages	792.10
All Other	419.41
	$1,211.51

HIGHWAYS, SOUTH:

Wages	204.90
All Other	388.95
	$593.85

HIGHWAYS, BRIDGES:

Wages	64.40
Pipe & Couplings	2,765.05
Materials	60.47
Signs	20.00
All Other	3.44
	$2,913.36

HIGHWAYS, SNOW REMOVAL:

Wages	5,778.22
Hired Equipment	7,461.50
Sidewalks And Parking Lot	592.25
Sand	1,876.20
Salt	7,522.33
Cutting Edges	638.75
All Other	185.67
	$24,054.92

HIGHWAYS, ROAD MACHINERY EXPENSE:

Wages	212.30
Repaired - Brockway #1	494.04
Brockway #2	397.79
Sander #1	510.02
Sander #2	1,165.00
Tractor-Leader	65.00
Grader	633.06
Ford	260.52
Chevrolet Pickup	508.30
Hired Equipment	33.00
Repairs to Borrowed Equipment	18.00
Compressor & Lube Gun	130.00
Paint	89.80
Gas	2,387.34
Diesel	183.15
Grease & Oil	765.74
Fuel	137.97
Tax, Licenses & Inspection	151.15
Assoc. Dues	2.00
Stock	993.50
All Other	653.76
	$9,791.44

HIGHWAYS, STREET LIGHTING	8,190.37
HIGHWAYS, NEW TRACTOR-LOADER	17,250.00
LAND DAMAGES - STEBBINS STREET	1,100.00

BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE:

Salaries	675.00
BELCHERTOWN WELFARE DISTRICT	3,470.09

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE:

O. A. A.	14,223.46
M. A.	20,510.87
A. F. D. C.	7,978.68
D. A.	1,230.95
Assistance	245.70
	$44,189.66

VETERANS' BENEFITS:

Veterans' Agent Salary	375.00
Ordinary Benefits	1,302.43
Fuel	267.60
Medication	291.85
Doctor	124.00
Printing	10.35
All Other	9.00
	$2,005.23

FEDERAL GRANTS:

O. A. A.	10,972.58
M. A.	14,795.70
A. F. D. C.	6,711.43
D. A.	1,392.32
	$33,872.03

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT #1000:

Superintendent's Salary	10,984.75
Clerical Wages	10,099.86
School Committee Expense	234.75
Office Supplies	266.16
Census	120.00
All Other Expenses	2,415.29
	$24,120.81

SCHOOL DEPT. #2000:

Teachers Salaries	366,432.33
Substitutes Salaries	6,346.60
Clerical Wages	7,325.14
Home Instruction	112.00
All Other Expenses	29,234.79
	$409,450.86

SCHOOL DEPT.- #3000:

Nurse's Salary	5,873.07
Transportation	43,118.40
School Lunch Director's Salary	5,000.06
All Other School Lunch Salaries	1,963.55
Mental Health	700.00
Athletics	4,167.60
Graduation Speaker	300.00
All Other Expenses	819.88
	$61,942.56

SCHOOL DEPT.- #4000:

Janitors' Salaries	38,123.99
Telephone	2,312.98
Fuel	10,142.16
Water	576.34
Electricity	9,452.80
Rubbish Removal	574.25
Snow Removal & Care of Grounds	3,429.63
Maintenance	4,635.50
Repairs & Replacements	10,166.84
	$79,414.49

SCHOOL DEPT.-#5000:	67.00
SCHOOL DEPT.-#7000:	1,639.33

SCHOOL DEPT.-#9000:

Transportation	7,882.10

Tuition	9,184.90	
		$17,067.00
PUBLIC LAW 874	9,524.48	
PUBLIC LAW 85-864 TITLE V	57.00	
PUBLIC LAW 89-10 TITLE I	2,048.00	
N.D.E.A. TITLE III	517.63	
PUBLIC LAW 88-210	1,061.70	
NEW JUNIOR-SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL		
Construction of School	3,260.89	
Advertising	69.60	
Award of Arbitrator	190.00	
Furnishings & Equipment	4,921.27	
Repairs & Service	1,706.25	
Contractor	1,800.00	
Library	1,599.20	
Building Committee Expense	119.80	
		$13,667.01
HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC VOCATIONAL REGIONAL SCHOOL PLANNING COMMITTEE	50.00	
SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM:		
Wages	18,557.76	
Food	38,568.64	
All Other	3,469.28	
		$60,595.68
CLAPP MEMORIAL LIBRARY:		
Wages	2,671.48	
Electricity	230.73	
Telephone	88.23	
Fuel	550.22	
Books & Periodicals	1,290.11	
Travel	56.76	
Repairs & Replacements	177.93	
Care of Grounds	188.00	
Insurance	451.35	
All Other	8.20	
		$5,713.01
TOWN COMMON:		
Electricity	55.87	
Care of Grounds	265.00	
Loam	24.00	
		$344.87
PARSONS FIELD		
Electricity	12.50	
Care of Grounds	223.28	
Drainage	167.12	
Repairs of Stone Piers	15.00	
Cutting Trees	20.00	
Well	62.10	
		$500.00
PURCHASE OF TOWN BEACH PROPERTY	$1,450.00	
SUMMER RECREATION:		
Lifeguard Wages	598.50	
All Other Wages	60.90	
Telephone and Electricity	15.01	
Care of Grounds	144.00	
Barbeque Pits	60.00	
Surfboard	113.79	
All Other Expenses	171.78	
Well	580.70	
		$1,744.68
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE:		
Director Wages	912.50	
Police Officers	19.25	
Care of Grounds	127.00	
All Other Expenses	91.98	
Well	349.27	
		$1,500.00
UNCLASSIFIED ACCOUNT	221.26	
UNPAID BILLS OF 1962	151.54	
UNPAID BILLS OF 1963	813.75	
UNPAID BILLS OF 1966	60.00	
PRINTING TOWN REPORTS	1,072.00	
TOWN CLOCK	200.00	
PATRIOTIC EXERCISES	176.35	
INSURANCE ACCOUNT	16,304.82	
CEMETERY:		
Commissioners' Salaries	500.00	
Expenses:		
Wages	528.00	
Opening & Closing Graves	445.00	
Mowing & Raking	3,256.75	
Snow Removal	198.00	
Loam	70.00	
Purchase of Lowering Device	460.75	
Drainage	1,145.00	
New Terrace, etc.	1,045.70	
Blacktop	224.50	
All Other	122.41	
		$7,496.11
VETERANS' GRAVES:		
Wages	132.00	
INTEREST & MATURING DEBT:		
Interest:		
1949 Sewer Loan	275.00	
1952 School Loan	1,386.00	
1952 School Loan	1,029.00	
1963 Jr.-Sr. High Loan	24,180.00	
1964 School Loan	960.00	
Temporary Loans	3,812.37	
		$31,642.37
Maturing Debt:		

General Debt	84,000.00
Temp. Loans	300,000.00
	$384,000.00
TRUST FUNDS:	
Susan M.D. Bridgman Fund	260.88
Whiting St. Poor	767.47
Post War Rehabilitation	140.44
Stabilization Fund	10,000.00
Nellie E. Brown Cemetery	40.00
Cemetery Perpetual Care	425.00
	$11,633.79
AGENCY:	
Sporting Licenses	3,064.00
Dog Licenses	1,721.50
County Tax	27,572.60
County Sanitorium Assessment	2,065.96
State Assessment System	230.32
Motor Vehicle Excise Bills	425.55
PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS:	
Federal Withholding	72,551.60
Retirement	5,868.53
State Withholding	10,166.12
Blue Cross-Emp.	7,560.30
B.C.O. Pensioners	176.32
B.C. - O.M.E.	1,320.62
B.C.O. Town Appropriation	8,137.60
Group Insurance	906.12
Group Insurance Town Approp.	893.76
	$107,580.97
REFUNDS:	
Taxes	
Current Year	2,765.06
Previous Years	229.55
Motor Vehicle & Trailer Excises	5,789.11
	$8,783.72
	1,663,888.31
CASH ON HAND DEC. 31, 1967	262,640.06
	$1,926,528.37

Member List—Belchertown Fire Department

Louis E. Fuller, Chief
Carl J. Peterson Deputy Chief
William Squires Deputy Chief
Isaac Hodgen, Captain

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Lieutenants
Donald Bock Sherman Gould Raymond Menard

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Members

Elwyn Bock, Lawrence Bowser, Jr., Harry Brougham, Joseph Chadbourne, Albert Dewhurst, Edward L. Fuller, Edward Gates, Royal Gay, Ernest M. Gay, Roy Reece, Jr., Loren Shumway, Irving Hislop, David Hodgen, Hugh Hubbard, Jr., Samuel Joyal, Joseph Kempkes, Jr., William McHaffie, Harold Peck, Carl E. Peterson, Paige Piper, Louis A. Shumway, Robert Smith, Floyd R. Peeso, Herbert Wood

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Honarary Members

Milton Baggs, Kenneth Bristol, Richard Knight, Mike Oberly, Roy Shaw, David Staples

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Deputy Forest Wardens
Joseph Kempkes, Jr. Ernest M. Gay
Carl J. Peterson William H. Squires
Donald Bock

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B.S.S. Operators
Hazel Charles Marguerite Mumford
Ruth Neville Nancy Corthell
Jane Conklin Mable Depot

Balance Sheet—Dec. 31, 1967

Assets

Cash	$262,640.06
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE:	
Levy of 1965	
Real Estate	2.33
Levy of 1966	
Personal Property	238.65
Real Estate	1,871.47
Levy of 1967	
Personal Property	4,156.00
Real Estate	32,731.30
MOTOR VEHICLE & TRAILER EXCISE:	
Levy of 1965	28.60
Levy of 1966	715.42
Levy of 1967	4,471.59
FARM ANIMAL EXCISE:	
Levy of 1967	121.75
TAX TITLES & TAX POSSESSIONS:	
Tax Titles	5,333.02
Tax Possessions	704.93
SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS:	
SEWERS:	
Levy of 1963	15.00
Levy of 1965	30.00
Levy of 1966	108.45
Levy of 1967	274.41
DEPARTMENTAL:	
O. A. A.	850.58
M. A. A.	573.74
A. F. D. C.	710.11
D. A.	31.02
AID TO HIGHWAYS:	
State	35,227.67
OVERDRAFTS:	
Overlay of 1965	199.29
Overlay of 1966	22.87
Overlay of 1967	5,377.01
State Recreation Areas	812.56
Highways-Snow Removal (Authorized overdraft)	2,054.92
APPROPRIATIONS OVERPAID:	
Street Lighting, Due from Western Mass. Electric	685.25
Elections & Registration, Due from Quabbin Printing Co.	68.00
	$360,056.00

Liabilities

County Tax	1,717.22
Sales Tax	7.19
PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS:	
Federal Witholding	7,113.20
Retirement	586.66
State Witholding	1,003.05
Blue Cross-Blue Shield Employees	705.68
Blue Cross-Blue Shield Pensioners	18.56
B. C.-B. S., O. M. E.	43.68
Group Life	90.71
Insurance Reserve	662.39
Road Machinery Earnings	7,476.88
Agency:	
Dog Licenses	1.75
Tailings	1,179.10
TRUST FUNDS:	
S. M. D. Bridgman Fund	1,589.72
S. M. D. Bridgman, Income	3,764.70
War Memorial	4.49
Walter Pratt, Private Trust	3.00
FEDERAL GRANTS:	
O. A. A.	8,189.96
M. A. A.	124.39
M. A.	4,111.11
A. F. D. C.	1,725.88
D. A.	1,235.84

Public Law 874-Title I	10,538.85
Public Law 85-864-Title III	786.59
Public Law 85-864	32.22
Public Law 89-10	1,511.00
N.D.E.A.-Title III	1,429.64
Smith Hughes-George Barden	136.30
REVOLVING FUNDS:	
High School Athletic	7.87
School Lunch	1,992.46
APPROPRIATION BALANCES	50,968.72
OLD AGE RECOVERY	3,984.68
SALE OF REAL ESTATE	3,363.68
PROFIT FROM SALE OF LAND OF LOW VALUE	1,715.48
SALE OF CEMETERY LOTS	480.50
RESERVE FUND-OVERLAY SURPLUS	427.02
PARSONS FIELD CLUB HOUSE FUND	1,341.39
PARSONS FIELD CLUB HOUSE, INTEREST	12.14
REVENUE RESERVED UNTIL COLLECTED:	
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excises	5,215.61
Farm Animal Revenue	121.75
Special Assessments Revenue	427.86
Tax Titles & Tax Possessions Revenue	6,037.95
Departmental Revenue	2,165.45
Aid to Highways	35,227.67
SURPLUS REVENUE	190,776.23
	$360,056.00

Debt Account

NET FUNDED OF FIXED DEBT:	
Inside the debt limit General	74,250.00
Outside the debt limit	785,000.00
	$859,250.00
SERIAL LOANS:	
Inside the debt limit	
Sewer Loan of 1949	9,000.00
School Building Loan-Acts of 1949	40,000.00
Road Machinery Loan 1967	5,250.00
	$ 54,250.00
Outside the debt limit	
School Building Loan 1952	55,000.00
New Jr.-Sr. High School	730,000.00
School Building Loan 1963	20,000.00
	$805,000.00

Trust and Investment Funds:

Cash and securities in custody of the Treasurer	$93,477.23
In custody of Treasurer:	
S.M.D. Bridgman Cem. Fund	629.06
Nellie E. Brown Cem. Fund	1,129.28
Calvin Bridgman Lib. Fund	4,210.17
George D. Longley Music Fund	2,736.36
Calvin Bridgman H.S. Fund	7,705.43
Whiting Street Poor Fund	12,374.42
Willard Stebbins Cemetery Fence Fund	1,790.14
S.M.D. Bridgman Poor Fund	9,791.94
Cemetery Perpetual Care	36,186.60
Stabilization Fund	16,923.83
	$93,477.23

Debt Statement - 1967

Loan	Loan Issued	Rate	Dec. 31, 1966 Outstanding	Paid in 1967	Due in 1968
Sewer Construction Loan	1949	2.5	11,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
School Building Loan	1951	2.1	66,000.00	11,000.00	11,000.00
School Building Loan	1952	2.1	49,000.00	9,000.00	8,000.00
New Jr.-Sr. H. S. Loan	1963	3.1	780,000.00	50,000.00	50,000,00
New Jr.-Sr. H. S. Loan	1963	3.0	20,000.00	12,000.00	10,000.00
Road Machinery Loan	1967				5,250.00

Itemized Report of Receipts And Expenditures

REPORT OF APPROPRIATIONS & EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1967

	Annual 1967 Town Meeting Appropriations		Additions & Prior Bal. Transfers	Available Amount for expense	Expenditures	Balance
GENERAL GOVERNMENT						
Moderator	25.00			25.00		25.00
Selectmen, Salaries	3,075.00			3,075.00	3,075.00	
Selectmen, Expense	2,000.00	C	50.00	2,050.00	2,050.00	
Town Accountant, Salary	1,750.00			1,750.00	1,750.00	
Town Accountant, Expense	250.00			250.00	183.68	66.32
Treasurer, Salary	2,300.00			2,300.00	2,300.00	
Treasurer, Expense	1,870.00			1,870.00	1,870.00	
Collector, Salary	2,500.00			2,500.00	2,500.00	
Collector, Expense	2,270.00			2,270.00	2,270.00	
Assessors, Salaries	1,600.00			1,600.00	1,600.00	
Assessors, Expense	3,400.00	D C	800.00 66.00	4,266.00	4,244.89	21.11
Finance Committee	162.00			162.00	62.00	100.00
Town Clerk, Salary	1,100.00			1,100.00	1,100.00	
Town Clerk, Expense	960.00			960.00	960.00	
Law Account	900.00	B	315.50	1,215.50	1,121.00	94.50
Election & Registration	1,800.00	C	7.16	1,807.16	1,807.16	
Planning Board	800.00			800.00	290.65	509.35
Board of Appeals	75.00	B	1.73	76.73	76.73	
Zoning Officer, Salary	400.00	B	24.50	424.50	424.50	
Zoning Officer, Expense	200.00			200.00	157.21	42.79
Conservation Commission	285.00			285.00	25.00	260.00
Conservation Fund	100.00			100.00		100.00
Old Town Hall	1,650.00	C	33.40	1,683.40	1,683.40	
Lawrence Memorial Hall	4,650.00			4,650.00	4,304.89	345.11

Town Garage	1,200.00			1,200.00	910.00	290.00
PUBLIC SAFETY						
Police Department	20,500.00	B C	2,500.00 22.05	23,022.05	22,895.25	126.80
Fire Department	5,000.00			5,000.00	4,925.68	74.32
Water Storage Holes	300.00	A	462.06	762.06	441.54	320.52
Hydrant Service	3,000.00			3,000.00	3,000.00	
Insect Pest Control	750.00			750.00	750.00	
Dutch Elm Disease	1,300.00			1,300.00	1,300.00	
Tree Warden	1,850.00			1,850.00	1,849.50	.50
Forest Fire Account	1,200.00	B	500.00	1,700.00	1,677.20	22.80
Wire Inspector	300.00			300.00	300.00	
Sealer of Weights & Measures	225.00			225.00	224.83	.17
Dog Officer	150.00	B	125.00	275.00	237.40	37.60
Civil Defense, Salary	150.00			150.00	150.00	
Civil Defense, Expense	150.00	B	3.51	153.51	153.51	
HEALTH & SANITATION						
Board of Health, Salaries	350.00			350.00	350.00	
Board of Health, Expense	2,664.00			2,664.00	1,973.40	690.60
Sewer Commissioners, Salaries	650.00			650.00	650.00	
Sewer Maintenance	7,000.00	C	1.25	7,001.25	1,408.25	5,592.99
Town Dump	1,800.00			1,800.00	1,252.25	547.75
HIGHWAYS						
Chapter 81	32,825.00	B	550.00	33,375.00	33,372.48	2.52
Chapter 90 C	39,000.00	A	31,059.18	70,059.18	40,147.11	29,912.07
Chapter 90 M	15,000.00			15,000.00	15,000.00	
Chapter 679		D	3,800.00	3,800.00	3,223.43	576.57
General	7,300.00			7,300.00	7,206.91	93.09
Winter Employment (Gen'l.)	6,000.00			6,000.00	5,854.82	145.18
Brushcutting (Gen'l.)	2,500.00			2,500.00	2,500.00	
Allen	1,200.00			1,200.00	1,190.80	9.20
Bardwell	1,200.00			1,200.00	1,193.86	6.14

	Annual 1967 Town Meeting Appropriations		Additions & Prior Bal. Transfers	Available Amount for expense	Expenditures	Balance
HIGHWAYS (Cont'd)						
Gulf	1,200.00			1,200.00	1,200.00	
Knight	1,200.00			1,200.00	1,196.52	3.48
Mill Valley	1,000.00			1,000.00	997.00	3.00
Orchard	1,000.00			1,000.00	1,196.45	3.55
Pine	1,200.00			1,200.00	1,198.76	1.24
Shaw	1,200.00		11.51	1,211.51	1,211.51	
South	600.00			600.00	593.85	6.15
Sidewalks	400.00			400.00		400.00
Bridges	2,978.00			2,978.00	2,913.36	64.64
Snow Removal	17,000.00	D B	5,000.00 500.00	22,000.00	24,054.92	2,054.92
Road Machinery Expense	4,227.41	D C	5,000.00 7.00	10,234.41	9,791.44	442.97
Street Lighting	8,169.00	D	60.00	8,229.00	8,190.37	38.63
Tractor-Loader	12,000.00	E	5,250.00	17,250.00	17,250.00	
Land Damages, Stebbins	600.00	A D	516.68 600.00	1,116.68	1,100.00	16.68
PUBLIC WELFARE						
Board of Public Welfare, Sal.	675.00			675.00	675.00	
Public Assistance	49,000.00		1,536.71	50,536.71	44,189.66	6,347.05
Belchertown Welfare District	333.00	B D	513.02 1,861.98	3,470.09	3,470.09	
VETERANS BENEFITS						
Veterans Agent, Salary	375.00			375.00	375.00	
Veterans Benefit	7,000.00			7,000.00	2,005.23	4,994.77
SCHOOL DEPARTMENT						
#1000 Administration	24,790.00			24,790.00	24,120.81	669.19
#2000 Instruction	409,695.00			409,695.00	409,450.86	244.14
#3000 Other Services	67,105.00			67,105.00	61,942.56	5,162.44
#4000 Operation	82,145.00			82,145.00	79,414.49	2,730.51
#5000 Fixed Charges	110.00			110.00	67.00	43.00
#7000 Fixed Assets	1,855.00			1,855.00	1,203.19	651.81

#9000 Pro. w/Other Schools	20,832.00			20,832.00	17,067.00	3,765.00
New Jr.-Sr. High School		A	24,319.92	24,319.92	13,667.01	10,652.91
Clapp Memorial Library	3,966.58	F D	500.00 1,296.50	5,763.08	5,713.01	50.07
Vocational Reg. Sch. D.P. Com.		A	75.00	75.00	50.00	25.00
RECREATION & UNCLASSIFIED						
Parsons Field	500.00			500.00	500.00	
Town Common	350.00			350.00	344.87	5.13
Summer Recreation	1,490.00	B	254.68	1,744.68	1,744.68	
Parks and Recreation Comm.	1,500.00			1,500.00	1,500.00	
Unpaid bills of 1966	60.00			60.00	60.00	
Unpaid bills of 1962		D	151.54	151.54	151.54	
Unpaid bills of 1963		D	813.75	813.75	813.75	
Printing Town Report	1,200.00			1,200.00	1,072.00	128.00
Patriotic Exercises	260.00			260.00	176.35	83.65
Veterans Graves	200.00			200.00	132.00	68.00
Insurance Account	16,349.41			16,349.41	16,304.82	44.59
Reserve Fund	5,000.00			5,000.00	4,865.79	134.21
Pensions	13,923.00			13,923.00	13,923.00	
Town Clock	250.00			250.00	200.00	50.00
CEMETERIES						
Cemetery Comm., Salaries	500.00			500.00	500.00	
Cemetery Expense	5,721.00	A F	1,401.21 1,498.43	8,620.64	7,496.11	1,124.53
INTEREST & MATURING DEBT						
Interest	31,830.00			31,830.00	31,642.37	184.97
Maturing Debt	84,000.00			84,000.00	84,000.00	
Blue Cross-Blue Shield	7,995.00	B C	66.34 76.26	8,137.60	8,137.60	
Group Insurance	918.00			918.00	893.76	24.24
Unclassified	300.00			300.00	221.26	78.74
Field House, Parsons Field	1,341.39			1,341.39		1,341.39

A	Balance 1966	D	Special Town Meeting
B	Transfers	E	Short Term Loan
C	Refund	F	From Interest or Trust

School Committee

To The Citizens of Belchertown:

During the 1967 fiscal year the School Committee met forty-nine times. This does not include the informal visits and inspection of school buildings and grounds of Area V meetings.

Extensive renovations in the boys' rest room at the Memorial School, exterior trim painting and furnace firebox repairs at the Cold Spring School, along with progressive interior decorating are some of the up-grading items under the maintenance program scheduled during 1967.

The High School Building Committee's action on details such as the baseball field, protective fencing and the erecting of two new storage buildings were some of the timely projects completed during the year and are greatly appreciated.

The Board of Education has notified your Committee of the following stipulations:

1. The revised standard school day and year
2. Directives for physical education classes for all pupils attending school
3. Establishing classes for Kindergarten through Grade 12 by 1970
4. New regulations for classes in educating the handicapped children.

At the present time there is a study being made regarding the pupil-teacher ratio and regional plans for small school systems.

Collective Bargaining Negotiations were held with the following groups starting in May, 1967: Administration, supervisors, staff members, custodians, secretaries and school lunch personnel. Negotiations as of this date are not finalized. However, the monetary adjustments indicate a budget increase of approximately 15%.

The Committee wishes to express its appreciation to all who support our educational system and budget each year. The quality of education in Belchertown along with the Committee's policy to educate all pupils is a very heavy strain on our economy.

Accreditation of the Jr.-Sr. High School by the New England Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools is the result of your continued support. The tremendous maintenance of the school plant, the qualified teaching staff and dedicated school personnel makes this great achievement possible, and the Committee commends one and all.

The Belchertown School Committee respectfully asks the Town to appropriate the sum of $711,020.00 for the operation of the schools during 1968.

Proposed Budget, 1968

1000	Administration	$ 26,275
2000	Instruction	494,840
3000	Other School Services	78,015
4000	Operation & Maintenance of School Plant	89,602
5000	Fixed Charges	78
7000	Fixed Assets	1,570
9000	Program With Other Schools	20,640
		$711,020

In accordance with the Regulations of Section 6, Chapter 70, Acts of the General Laws, the Belchertown School Committee cannot, at this time, give any definite amount of anticipated receipts for 1968. Although Belchertown is entitled to more than $127,000.00, the Tax Department of the Massachusetts Department of Education advises that this is the amount we should expect.

The estimated of anticipated receipts in 1968 include the following:

School Fund (Chapter 70)	$127,000
Transportation (Chapter 71)	40,469
Transportation (State Ward, Chapter 76)	400
Tuition (State Ward, Chapter 76)	2,105
Transportation (Voc. Ed. Ch. 74)	2,370
Special Education (Chapter 69)	5,800
	$178,144
Federal Aid:	
Public Law, 874	8,125
	$186,269

Approximate amount to be raised by local taxation: $524,751

HAROLD W. WILLEY, Chairman
LLOYD C. CHADBOURNE
ROBERT N. DONOVAN
PHYLLIS W. FLAHERTY
DAVID A. STAPLES
The Belchertown School Committee

Superintendent of Schools

Thanks to the excellent new High School facility which has adequately taken care of the increased enrollment at the High School level, lack of space has not become a problem this year in Belchertown. The elementary enrollment has remained fairly constant and this has allowed the elementary schools to hold to the recommended state ratio of one teacher to each twenty-five students in most of the elementary classes. When the proposed state minimums become mandatory, some additional staff members will become necessary at the secondary level.

Interest has been shown by the parents of pre-school children in the state regulations for kindergartens in the Commonwealth. The state regulations indicate that Belchertown will need to establish kindergartens for all five year olders beginning in September, 1970. What will this mean for the Town? It will mean two (2) kindergarten teachers and two (2) classrooms plus additional busses as well as kindergarten furniture, supplies and materials. One-half of the children will attend a morning session and the other half an afternoon session. Each teacher will handle approximately fifty (50) children per day; twenty-five in the morning session and twenty-five in the afternoon.

The school staff and administration have continued their efforts to improve the teaching of reading at all levels. An In-Service Program in Reading and Language was started in the Fall under the direction of specialists from the State College at Westfield. This program will continue into the Spring, 1968.

By using money obtained from Federal Funds derived from the National Defense Education Act Title III, and the Elementary-Secondary Education Acts of 1965, Title I, the Reading Program has been improved by the addition of reading materials and audio-visual equipment.

Funds from the Elementary-Secondary Education Act Title II, have been used to acquire library books and audio-visual materials for the elementary schools.

A committee of educators from the New England Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools spent October 30, 31 and November 1, 1967 evaluating Belchertown High School. The High School plant and curriculum was approved and full accreditation has been received. The committee has made commendations and recommendations in the various areas which are being studied by the School Committee and the administration. The recommendations will be evaluated and a time limit will be set of two, five, or ten years for the implementation of those recommendations which are considered advisable and practicable.

The Regional Vocational High School Committee has continued this year its participation in meetings with the representatives of the eight (8) other towns in the Ware River Valley area to explore the establishment of a regional school to meet the needs of those students interested in a vocational education. The Commonwealth of Massachusetts has shown its interest in vocational education by recent passage of several laws which provide financial inducement to those towns joining a regional vocational district.

The School Committee was able this year to provide an additional full-time music teacher to handle the High School Band and the elementary and secondary music instrumental program. Over ninety (90) pupils in the 4th, 5th and 6th grades have registered for instrument lessons this year. One of the major problems in the past has been the lack of time in the High School Program for lessons and practice sessions. Many pupils cannot remain after school because of the inability to secure transportation home after the busses have departed from the High School. It is hoped that a late bus will be made available this year to provide for the students who wish to participate in the extra-curricular activities as well as for those who need to remain for additional help in the academic subjects.

Early morning physical education classes are being conducted at the High School gymnasium to provide for better utilization of the gym facilities and a better all around program for the students of grades five and six.

American Education Week was observed in all schools during the week of November 5 through 11. Open House was held in all schools during the week and special programs were arranged for the parents on one evening during the week. An attempt was made to arrange these programs so that parents having children in more than one school would be able to attend more than one program. In the elementary schools individual Parent-Teacher conferences were held during the month of December. The School Administration and Teachers were very encouraged by the attendance on the part of the parents of more than 75%.

Training of student teachers at all levels was continued this year with future teachere from the University of Massachusetts and from Westfield State College training under the guidance of Belchertown Teachers. The Future Teachers of America Organization at the High School, under the direction of Mrs. Sophia Pero, also served as teacher-aides in the elementary schools during 1967.

The Parent-Teachers Association had a very rewarding year and showed a high increase in membership for the year. In January a pot-luck supper was held. "Your Child and Reading" was the theme of the February meeting and a Science Circus was held at the High School in March. A meeting concerned with Family Life Education was held in April. The May program was conducted by the Regional Vocational High School Planning Committee. Later in the year a program entitled "Guidance In Our Schools" was presented by the guidance department.

At the elementary level the School Committee saw fit to add an elementary Guidance Counselor to meet the needs of the elementary children having educational or emotional problems.

Funds were made available by the State Department of Education for this program under a project prepared by the School Department.

Educational Field Trips were continued for all levels during the year 1967. The fifth and sixth graders attended a performance of the

Springfield Symphony Orchestra conducted by Mr. Arthur Fielder, the conductor of the Boston Pops Orchestra. Grade four traveled to the Trolley Car Museum at Warehouse Point in Connecticut.

On December 7, 9 and 10 the Belchertown High School Senior Class presented George M. Cohan's "The Tavern" under the direction of Mr. Francis Cullinan. The original music score was arranged by Mrs. Simone Newton. A Music, Art, Drama, and Dance Festival entitled M. A. D. Week was held in May at the High School under the direction of the Music, Art, Drama, and Physical Education Specialists. The business community supported the festival whole heartedly and the attendance of the public was excellent. The High School Administration is contemplating making M. A. D. Week an annual affair.

Spanish I was introduced at Belchertown High School during the past year and plans are being made to add Spanish II in the 1968-1969 school year. The response on the part of the students indicated the value of another modern language besides French. A new Science Course was also added to the curriculum in September. Aerospace, an elective for Juniors and Seniors will introduce our students to the basic principles of flight. This course is sponsored by the Northampton Civil Air Patrol.

The costs of providing quality education to our young people continue to rise each year. As our numbers increase new staff must be added and new programs must be introduced into the curriculum. Inflation causes our costs for services, supplies, materials, books, and audio-visual aids to rise each year.

It is clearly evident that this Community needs additional financial support from the State and Federal governments if it is going to continue to operate a first rate educational plant. It is true that our reimbursements from the Commonwealth have increased during the past year but they have not increased enough to keep up with the rising costs of education. Only the members of the State and Federal Legislature can help us solve our problems by providing more funds to the towns which need the most help. Legislators are usually sensitive to the wishes of their constituents but their constituents must make known their wishes to them.

JOHN B. CURRY JR.
Superintendent of Schools

SCHOOL FINANCIAL REPORT

Classification of School Expenditures, 1967

1000—GENERAL CONTROL

School Committee Expense	$ 1,412.08
Superintendent of Schools:	
Salaries:	
Superintendent and Clerical	21,084.61
Expense:	
Includes Travel, Printing, Office Supplies and Advertising	1,624.12
	$ 24,120.81

2000—INSTRUCTION

Salaries:	
Teachers, Principals, Supervisors, Substitutes and Tutoring	$372,887.85
Supervisor Expenses:	
Clerical Salaries and Office Supplies	11,424.22
Instructional Supplies and Textbooks	25,138.79
	$409,450.86

3000—OTHER SCHOOL SERVICES

Salaries and Expenses:		
Law Enforcement		$ 50.00
Health		6,756.64
Food Services		7,400.06
Transportation:		
Regular Routes	42,024.56	
Field Trips	1,045.50	
		43,070.06
Athletic		4,365.80
Student Activity		300.00
		$ 61,942.56

4000—OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE

Salaries: Custodial	$ 37,967.39
Expense:	
Supplies and Utilities	28,429.63
Repair and Replacement	13,017.47
	$ 79,414.49

5000—FIXED CHARGES

Expense:	
Insurance on Band Instruments and Uniforms — Truck Registration	$ 67.00

7000—ACQUISITION OF FIXED ASSETS

Expense:	
Audio Visual and Library Equipment	$ 1,203.19

9000—PROGRAMS WITH OTHER SCHOOLS

Vocational Education	
Tuition, EPA	$ 198.75
Tuition, Day	8,720.25
Transportation	8,148.00
	$ 17,067.00

Total School Expenditures	$593,265.91

RECEIPTS

Budget, 1967	$615,922.00	
Less P.L. 874	9,390.00	
		$606,532.00
Expenditures		593,265.91
Balance Returned To Town		$ 13,266.09

REIMBURSEMENTS

Paid to Town of Belchertown from sources other than local taxation:

A. Chapter 70, School Aid		$131,286.46
B. Transportation		34,512.00
C. Special Education		4,921.00
D. State Wards		
Tuition	$3,948.14	
Transportation	725.50	4,673.64
E. Vocational Education		
Household Arts	$ 381.00	
Tuition	2,576.00	2,957.00
		$178,350.10

RECAPITULATION

Total Cost of Schools	$593,265.91
Offset to 1968 Taxes	178,350.10
Actual Cost to Town—1967	$414,915.81
Actual Cost to Town—1966	$423,808.08

School Building

As a final report of this Committee will be forthcoming in the foreseeable future, this interim report is made as a report of progress.

Continued regular meetings of the Committee during the greater part of the year have finalized many facets of the program. The athletic field has been drained and resurfaced, an emergency portable lighting generator obtained, additional fencing installed, and a general purpose storage building is presently being erected.

The evaluation of our School Plant by an outside visiting Committee in October 1967 brought forth the following statement by the Chairman, Mr. Waldren Lojko, "The citizens of Belchertown must feel pride in the fine building they have provided for their youth. This school is a good indication of their interest and desire for good education. There is sufficient evidence to show that teachers and pupils are using the facilities wisely. The committee was impressed with the fine appearance of the interior and exterior of the building and it became evident that there was great pride in the school by the students, staff and administration."

Our Committee wishes to publicly recognize and thank the staff of the Department of Conservation at the University of Massachusetts and to Mr. Joseph F. Austin of Belchertown for their freely-given technical advice and supervision of the reconstruction work done in the play areas.

Respectfully submitted:

ISAAC A. HODGEN, Chairman
DAVID A. STAPLES, Vice Chairman
JOHN V. NELSON, Clerk
WALTER L. PAPP
CLIFFORD E. HOLT
JOHN B. CURRY, JR., Ex Officio

School Building Committee

ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 1, 1967

School	Special Class	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	**Total**
Cold Spr'g	8	80	71	99										258
Franklin		20	20											40
Center					95									95
Memorial						109	100							209
Jr.-Sr. High								113	87	96	89	56	55	496
Totals	8	100	91	99	95	109	100	113	87	96	89	56	55	1,098

Town Meeting Warrants

WARRANT FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
March 6 & 13, 1967

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
Hampshire, ss.

To any of the Constables of the Town of Belchertown, in said County, GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn all the inhabitants of the Town of Belchertown, qualified to vote in elections of town officers, to meet at the several polling places in said Belchertown, designated by the Selectmen, to wit:

IN PRECINCT A, at Lawrence Memorial Hall on Jabish Street.

IN PRECINCT B, at the Franklin School Building on Franklin Street, South Belchertown, on Monday, the sixth day of March, A.D., 1967 at eight o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to give in their votes on one ballot to precinct officers of the several polling precincts of said Town for the following officers, to wit: a Moderator, a Town Clerk, a Tree Warden each for one year; Two (2) Selectmen, a Treasurer, Two (2) School Committee Members, a Cemetery Commissioner, an Assessor, a Sewer Commissioner and one Board of Health Member for five (5) years.

The polls will be open at eight o'clock in the forenoon and closed at seven o'clock in the evening.

And you are further hereby required to notify and warn all the inhabitants of said Belchertown qualified to vote in town affairs to meet at the Lawrence Memorial Hall in said Belchertown on Monday, the thirteenth day of March, A.D., 1967, at seven-thirty o'clock in the evening, then and there to act on the following articles, viz:

ARTICLE 1. To choose the following named officers by nomination: Two Almoners of the Whiting Street and the Mrs. Susan M.D. Bridgman Funds, each for one (1) year; one (1) trustee of the Calvin Bridgman Fund for three (3) years.

ARTICLE 2. To hear reports of the officers of the Town and any committees that may have been appointed by the town and act thereon.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate to the Clapp Memorial Library Account the dog license refund of 1966 or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Twon will vote to authorize the Assessors, the Cemetery Commissioners, the Sewer Commissioners, and the Tree Warden to appoint themselves to work in their various departments for the ensuing year, at hourly rates not to exceed the following:

Assessors	$2.00 per hour
Cemetery Commissioners	2.00 per hour
Sewer Commissioners	2.50 per hour
Tree Warden	2.50 per hour

or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Insurance Reserve Account, a sum of money to the Road Machinery Expense Account or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Road Machinery Earnings Account, a sum of money to the Road Machinery Expense Account or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, a sum of money for Chapter 81 Highways or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, a sum of money for Chapter 90 Highway Construction, Program of 1967 or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from unappropriated funds available in the treasury, a sum of money for Chapter 90 Maintenance, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, a sum of money for improvements of the following streets, all public ways:

Bardwell St. Knights St. Shaw Rd.
Orchard St. Pine St. Gulf Rd.
Allen Rd. Mill Valley Rd.
South St. Howard St.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, such sums of money as shall be deemed necessary to defray the expenses listed in the Finance Committee report for the current fiscal year, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Overlay Reserve Account a sum of money to the Reserve Account, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, a sum of money for the purchase of a new Police Cruiser, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue for the financial years beginning January 1, 1967 and January 1, 1968, in accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 4, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 17, or take any action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, a sum of money for the purchase of a new front-end loader for the Highway Department or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from unappropriated available funds, a sum or money, and that said sum shall be added to and become a part of the Stabilization Fund, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will authorize the Moderator to appoint a committee to investigate the feasability of employing a Town Manager or an Executive Secretary or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from available funds in the treasury, a sum of money for use by the Assessors to reduce the tax rate, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred dollars ($100.00) for the use of the Conservation Commission, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to appoint a Parks and Recreation Committee to consist of five (5) members and that there be appropriated a sum of money for use by said Committee or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will vote to abolish the practice of electing constables in the Town and in lieu thereof to provide for the appointment by the Board of Selectmen of as many constables as said Board may deem necessary to serve for terms not exceeding three (3) years each, or act otherwise thereon.

ARTICLE 22. To see if the Town will vote to amend the official Zoning Map by deleting from the Agricultural District and including in the Business District the following described parcel of land, to wit, a parcel of land three hundred (300) feet in depth running along the northerly line of state Street a distance of four hundred fifty (450) feet between land now or formerly of Anthony Kosior et ux and land now or formerly of David and Mary A. Mitchell, being the Southerlymost portion of land of Joseph J. Koske, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purchase of a typewriter for use by the Town Clerk and Treasurer or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 24. To see if the Town will vote to authorize Workmen's Compensation coverage for specific elected officials or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 25. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the installation of street lights on State Street or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 26. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums of money for a bill incurred in 1966, or take any action relative thereto:

Quabbin Printing Company, Inc. $60.00

ARTICLE 27. To see if the Town will vote to purchase certain real estate situated on the Easterly side of Lake Arcadia, consisting of approximately 11,016 square feet and being shown as Parcels A and B on a certain plan entitled "Land in Belchertown, Massachusetts, Belonging to Leo S. & Nellie C. Nitcavic", dated November 5, 1966, Almer Huntley Jr. & Associates, Inc., surveyors, which plan is on record with the office of the Town Clerk, and for the purpose of said purchase to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of $1,500.00, or act otherwise thereon.

ARTICLE 28. To see if the Town will accept a gift in the sum of $770.00 for the purpose of constructing a field house on Parson's Field, or act otherwise thereon.

ARTICLE 29. To see if the Town will vote to amend the By-Laws of the Town by adding thereto the following section:

Article 8, Section VIII. All regular, full-time employees of the Town, other than elected officers and those appointed by the School Committee who have been regularly employed by the Town on a full-time basis for at least 52 weeks shall be given annually seven days' vacation without loss of pay and shall not suffer loss of pay for failure to work upon the secular days during which the following holidays are celebrated: Christmas, New Year's, Thanksgiving, Memorial Day and Labor Day.

or act otherwise thereon.

ARTICLE 30. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof, one at Dwight, one on Metacomet Street, one on Turkey Hill Road, one on South Street, one on Depot Street, one at Town Hall, and one at Lawrence Memorial Hall, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at or before the time of holding said meeting.

Given under our hands this 26th day of January, A.D., 1967.

Board of Selectmen

MICHAEL S. MATHRAS, Chairman
WILLIAM H. SQUIRES, JR.
WILLIAM GERRY WHITLOCK
FRANCIS P. LOFTUS
FRANK E. FARRINGTON, JR.

A true copy attest: Robert D. Camp, Sr.
Town Clerk

To the Town Clerk:

The Town Meeting Warrant is returned herewith. The posting instructions contained in the Warrant and in the Town By-Laws have been complied with.

ERNEST M. GAY
Constable

January 6, 1967.

WARRANT FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING, MARCH 13, 1967
ACTION TAKEN

Moderator - Charles W. Jackson
Voters present - 171 (Quorum required - 25)
Meeting called to order at 7:30 P.M.
Invocation given by Rev. Norman Langmaid

Resolution unanimously adopted Memorializing the passing of William E. Shaw and Lewis H. Blackmer.

Return of the warrant read by the Town Clerk

Art. 1. Nominated and elected Sophia Pero and Ruth B. Fuller as Almoners of the Whiting Street and the Susan M. D. Bridgman Funds, each for one year: D. Donald Hazen as trustee of the Calvin Bridgman Fund for three years, and Sidney W. Wheeler as trustee of the Calvin Bridgman Fund to fill the unexpired term of one year. (Vote, Yes Unanimous)

Art. 2. Voted to accept the reports of the officers of the Town and of any committee that may have been appointed by the Town with the exception of the Finance Committee. (Vote, Yes Unanimous)

Art. 3. Voted to appropriate to the Clapp Memorial Library Account the balance of $466.58 of the Dog License Refund of 1966. (Vote, Yes Unanimous)

Art. 4. Voted to authorize the Assessors, the Cemetery Commissioners, the Sewer Commissioners, and the Tree Warden to appoint themselves to work in their various departments for the ensuing year, not to exceed the following hourly rates:

Assessors	$2.00 per hour
Cemetery Commissioners	2.00 per hour
Sewer Commissioners	2.50 per hour
Tree Warden	2.50 per hour

(Vote, Yes Unanimous)

Art. 5. Voted to appropriate from the Insurance Reserve Account the sum of $712.41 to the Insurance Account. (Vote, Yes Unanimous)

Art. 6. Voted to transfer from the Road Machinery Earnings Account the sum of $4,227.92 to the Road Machinery Expense Account. (Vote, Yes Unanimous)

Art. 7. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $4,500.00 and that the sum of $28,325.00 be transferred from unappropriated available funds in the treasury for Chapter 81 Highways. (Vote, Yes Unanimous)

Art. 8. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $9,750.00 and that the sum of $29,250.00 be transferred from unappropriated available funds in the treasury for Chapter 90 Highways Construction, Program for 1967. (Vote, Yes Majority)

Art. 9. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $5,000.00, and transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury the sum of $10,000.00 for Chapter 90 Maintenance. (Vote, Yes Unanimous)

Art. 10. Voted to raise and appropriate the following sums of money for the improvement of the following streets, all public ways:

Bardwill Street	$1,200.00
Allen Road	$1,200.00
Orchard Street	$1,200.00
Knight Street	$1,200.00
Pine Street	$1,200.00
Mill Valley Road	$1,000.00
Gulf Road	$1,200.00
Shaw Road	$1,200.00
South Street	$ 600.00

(Vote, Yes Unanimous)

Art. 11. Voted to fix the salaries and compensation of all elected Officers of the Town, as provided for by Section 108 of Chapter 41 of the General Laws, as amended; and to raise and appropriate, or appropriate from available funds, moneys for departmental and incidental expenses of the Town for the ensuing year; and that the various major categories of the budget as contained in the Finance Committee's report be separately considered and acted upon; and further that these sums of money granted and appropriated for the several specific purposes therein designated, be expended only for these purposes as specifically designated under the direction of the respective officers, boards, an committees of the Town. (Vote, Yes Unanimous)

Art. 12. Voted to appropriate from the Overlay Reserve Account the sum of $2,500.00 to the Reserve Account. (Vote, Yes Unanimous)

Art. 13. Vote no action be taken.
(Vote, Yes Unanimous)

Art. 14. Voted to authorize the treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue for the financial years beginning January 1, 1967 and January 1, 1968, in accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 4, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 17. (Vote, Yes Unanimous)

Art. 15. Voted to appropriate the sum of $17,250.00 for the purchase of a four wheel drive tractor-loader and plow, and to meet that appropriation that $12,000. be raised and appropriated and that the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, be and hereby is authorized to borrow a sum not to exceed $5,250.00 and to issue a note or notes of the Town therefore payable in no more than one (1) year, and finally that the old loader may be turned in as part payment for the new tractor-loader. (Vote, Yes 120 - No, 20)

Art. 16. Voted that no action be taken.
(Vote, Yes Unanimous)

Art. 17. Voted to authorize the Moderator to appoint a nonpaid committee to investigate the feasibility of employing a Town Manager or Executive Secretary.
(Vote, Yes 107 - No, 33)

Art. 18. Voted that no action be taken.
(Vote, Yes Unanimous)

Art. 19. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred dollars ($100.00) for the Conservation Fund for use of the Conservation Commission.
(Vote, Yes Unanimous)

Art. 20. Voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to appoint a Parksnand Recreation Committee to consist of five (5) members and that $1,500.00 be raised and appropriated for the use of said committee.
(Vote, Yes Majority)

Art. 21. Voted to abolish the practice of electing constables in the Town and in lieu thereof provide for the appointment by the Board of Selectmen of as many constables as said Board may deem necessary to serve

for terms not exceeding three (3) years.
(Vote, Yes Unanimous)

Art. 22. Voted that the official zoning Map be amended by deleting from the Agricultural District and including in the Business District the following described parcel of land situated on the northerly side of State Street; Beginning at an iron pin set in the Northerly line of said State Street at the southeasterly corner of land described in deed of Joseph J. Koske to Anthony Kosior et ux, dated April 10, 1964, recorded with Hampshire County Registry of Deeds, Book 1436. Page 418; thence running northerly along the easterly line of said Kosior et ux two hundred (200) feet to the northeast corner of said Kosior et ux land; thence continuing in the same direction one hundred (100) feet exactly to a point; thence running easterly in a line parallel with the northerly line of said State Street to a point at land now or formerly of David and Mary A. Mitchell; thence running southerly along said Mitchell land three hundred (300) feet to an iron pin set in the northerly line of said State Street; thence running westerly along the northerly line of said State Street four hundred fifty (450) feet to the point of beginning.
(Vote, Yes, 94 - No, 19)

Art. 23. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $190.50 for the purchase of a typewriter for use by the Town Clerk and Treasurer. (Vote, Yes Unanimous)

Art. 24. Voted to authorize the Selectmen from time to time to designate which elected officers of the Town exclusive of the Selectmen and the police and fire forces shall be included in the workmen's compensation protection afforded under Section 68 through 75 of Chapter 152 of the General Laws.
(Vote, Yes Unanimous)

Art. 25. Voted that no action be taken.
(Vote, Yes Unanimous)

Art. 26. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $60.00 for an unpaid bill of 1966.
(Vote, Yes Unanimous)

Art. 27. Voted to purchase certain real estate situated on the Easterly side of Lake Arcadia consisting of approximately 11,016 square feet and being shown as Parcels A and B on a certain plan of Land entitled "Land in Belchertown, Massachusetts Belonging to Leo S. & Nellie C. Nitacic", dated November 5, 1966, Almer Huntly Jr. & Accociates, Inc. surveyors, which plan is on record with the office of the Town Clerk, and for said purpose to raise and appropriate the sum of $1,500.00.
(Vote, Yes Unanimous)

Art. 28. Voted to accept the gift of $571.39 from Metacomet Fox Rod & Gun Club and that $770.00 be raised and appropriated for the purpose of constructing a field house on Parsons Field. (Vote, Yes Unanimous)

Art. 29. Voted to amend the Town's By-Laws by adding thereto the following section:
Article 8, Section VIII

> All regular, full-time employees of the Town, other than elected officers and those appointed by the School Committee who have been regularly employed by the Town on a full-time basis for at least fifty-two weeks, shall be given annually five days vacation without loss of pay and shall not suffer loss of pay for failure to work upon the secular days during which the following holidays are celebrated:

Christmas, New Year's, Thanksgiving, Memorial Day and Labor Day. (Vote,Yes Unanimous)

Art. 30. Voted to dissolve this meeting at 11:00 PM

Attest:

Robert D. Camp, Sr.
Town Clerk

Appropriations & Transfers voted
Town Meeting March 13, 1967

Art. No.	Account, dept., etc.	Appr.	Avbl. Funds
1	None		
2	None		
3	Clapp Memorial Library		466.58
4	None		
5	Insurance Account		712.41
6	Road Machinery Expense		4227.41
7	Highways, Chap. 81	4500.00	28325.00
8	Highways, Chap. 90 Const.	9750.00	29250.00
9	Highways, Chap. 90 Maint.	5000.00	10000.00
10	Streets and roads	10000.00	
11	Itemized		

Item	**(Art. 11)**	
1	Moderator Expenses	25.00
2	Finance Committee Expense	162.00
3	Selectmen	
	Salaries, Chmn.	675.00
	Salaries, four 4 @ 600.00	2400.00
	Expenses	2000.00
4	Zoning By-Law Officer	
	Salary	400.00
	Expenses	200.00
5	Town Accountant	
	Salary	1750.00
	Expenses	250.00
6	Treasurer	
	Salary	2300 00
	Expenses	1870.00
7	Town Clerk	
	Salary	1100.00
	Expenses	960.00
8	Tax & Town Collector	

Salary	2500.00
Expenses	2270.00
9 Assessors	
Salaries, Chmn.	600.00
Salaries, two 2 @ 500.00	1000.00
Expenses & wages	3400.00
10 Law expenses	900.00
11 Elections & Registrations	1800.00
12 Planning Board Expenses	800.00
13 Municipal Buildings	
Old Town Hall	1650.00
Lawrence Memorial Hall	4650.00
Town Garage	1200.00
14 Police	20500.00
15 Fire	5000.00
16 Forest Fires	1200.00
17 Hydrant	
17 Hydrant Service	3000.00
18 Sealer of Weights & Meas.	225.00
19 Inspector of wiring	300.00
20 Conservation commission	285.00
21 Civil Defense, Dir. salary	150.00
Expenses	150.00
22 Water storage holes (Fire)	300.00
23 Tree Services:	
Tree Warden	
Wages & Expenses	1850.00
Insect Pest Control	750.00
Dutch Elm Disease	1300.00
24 Board of Appeals	75.00
25 Dog Officer Expenses	150.00
26 Board of Health	
Salaries, Chmn.	150.00
Salaries, two 2 @ 100.00	200.00
Expenses	2664.00
27 Sewers	
Salaries, Chmn.	250.00
Salaries, two 2 @ 200.00	400.00
Expenses	7000.00
28 Town Dump	1800.00
29 Highways - General	15800.00
30 Bridges	2978.00
31 Snow Removal	17000.00
32 Sidewalks Maintenance	400.00
33 Street Lights	8169.00
34 Public Welfare	
Salaries, Chmn.	175.00
Salaries, four 4 @ 125.00	500.00
Welfare District	333.00
General Relief	
Public Assistance	49000.00
35 Veterans Agent	
Salary	375.00
Benefits & Expenses	7000.00

36 Schools	
Administration	24790.00
Instruction	409695.00
Other school services	67105.00
Operation & maint.	82145.00
Fixed Charges	110.00
Acquisition of fixed chgs.	1855.00
Programs with other than Schools	20832.00
37 Clapp Memorial Library	3500.00
38 Parks, Beach & Rec.	
Parsons Memorial Field	500.00
Town Common	350.00
Summer rec. & beach	1490.00
39 Cemeteries	
Salaries, Chmn.	200.00
Salaries, two 2 @ 150.00	300.00
General Care	5721.00
Soldiers' Graves	200.00
40 Pensions, Town employees	13923.00
41 Insurance	
General	15637.00
Health (BlueCr-BlueShld)	7995.00
Life	918.00
42 Unclassified	
Patriotic Exercises	260.00
Town Clock	250.00
Town Report	1200.00
Reserve Fund	2500.00
Miscellaneous	300.00
43 Maturing Debt & Interest	
1949 Sewer loan prin.	2000.00
1952 School loans prin.	20000.00
1963 School loans prin.	50000.00
1964 Coupon notes prin.	12000.00
1949 Sewer loan int.	275.00
1952 School loan int.	2415.00
1963 School loan int.	24180.00
1964 School notes int.	960.00
Temporary notes int.	4000.00
12 Reserve Account	
13 None	
14 None	
15 4 whl. drive tractor, purch.	17250.00
16 None	
17 None	
18 None	
19 Conservation Fund	100.00
20 Parks & Rec. Comm.	1500.00
21 None	
22 None	
23 Clerk-Treasurer typewriter	190.50
24 None	
25 None	

2500.00

26 Unpaid Bill of 1966	60.00	
27 Purchase of beach prop.	1500.00	
28 Field house, Parsons Field	770.00	571.39
29 None		

Total raised & appropriated – $1,012,517.50

Total appropriated fr. available funds - $76,052.79
Grand total – $1,088,570.29

WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING –– JUNE 12, 1967

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Hampshire, ss.

To any of the Constables of the Town of Belchertown, in said County, GREETING: In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn all the inhabitants of the Town of Belchertown, qualified to vote in Town affairs, to meet at the Lawrence Memorial Hall, in said Belchertown, on Monday, the twelfth day of June, A.D. 1967, at 7:30 o'clock in the evening then and there to act on the following articles, viz:

Art. 1. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds in the treasury a sum of money for the Road Machinery Expense Account, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 2. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds in the treasury, a sum of money for the Assessors Expense Account, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 3. To see if the Town will transfer from available funds in the treasury to the Clapp Memorial Library Account, the following sum of money which has been received by the Town from the Commonwealth for library purposes, for the year 1967, the sum of $1,296.50 or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 4. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds in the treasury, a sum of money for street lights on poles 5, 9, and 13 on South Main Street, and poles 597, 600, 602, 604, 606, 608, 610, 612 and 614 on North Washington Street, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 5. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds in the treasury, a sum of money to pay for land damages incurred in the reconstruction of Stebbins Street, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 6. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds in the treasury, a sum of money for the permanent construction of Springfield Road, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 7. To see if the Town will transfer the Post War Rehabilitation Fund to the Stabilization Fund, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 8. To see if the Town will amend the official zoning map by deleting the following described land from the Agricultural District and including the same within the Business District:

> All of the land lying within Five Hundred (500) feet measured perpendicularly along both sides of the old Route 9 and the new Route 9, including all of the land between said old Route 9 and the new Route 9, extending from North Street in a generally Northwesterly direction to the Pelham and Amherst Town Lines.

or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 9. To see if the Town will vote to extend the scope and authority of the War Memorial Committee to include the keeping of suitable data on persons serving in combat zones since the Korean conflict, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 10 To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof, one at Dwight, one at Metacomet Street, one on Turkey Hill Road, one on South Street one on Depot Street, one at Town Hall, and one at Lawrence Memorial Hall, seven days at least before the time of said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at or before the time of holding said meeting.

GIVEN UNDER OUR HANDS this 2nd day of June, A.D., 1967.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Wm. Gerry Whitlock, Chairman
William H. Squires, Jr.
Frank E. Farrington, Jr.
Francis P. Loftus
Herbert E. Squires

To the Town Clerk:

The Town Meeting Warrant is returned herewith. The posting instructions contained in the warrant and in the Town By-Laws have been complied with.

ERNEST M. GAY
Constable
June 3, 1967

A true copy, Attest:

Robert D. Camp, Sr.
Town Clerk

Action Taken

Moderator – Charles W. Jackson

Voters present – 26. (Quorum required 25)

Return of the warrant read by Clerk.

Meeting called to order at 7:32 P.M.

Art. 1. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $5,500.00 for the road machinery expense account. (Vote, Yes Unanimous)

Art. 2. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $800.00 for the assessors expense account. (Vote, Yes Unanimous)

Art. 3. Voted to appropriate from available funds in the treasury to the Clapp Memorial Library the sum of $1,296.50 which has been received by the town from the Commonwealth for library purposes for the yea 1967. (Vote, Yes Unanimous)

Art. 4. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $60.00 for street lights on poles 5, 9, & 13 on South Main St., and poles 597, 600, 602, 604, 606, 608, 610 612, 614, on North Washington St. (Vote, Yes Unanimous)

Art. 5. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $600.00 to pay for land damages incurred in the reconstruction of Stebbins Street. (Vote, Yes Unanimous)

Art. 6. Voted to transfer from available funds in the treasury (Chap. 679, Sec. 5 Acts of 1965, Highway Improvement Program) the sum of $3,800.00 for the permanent construction of a portion of Springfield Road. (Vote, Yes Unanimous)

Art. 7. Voted to transfer the sum of $140.44 from the Post War Rehabiliataion Fund to the Stabilization Fund. (Vote, Yes Unanimous)

Art. 8. Voted to amend the official zoning map by deleting the following described land from the Agricultural District and including the same within the Business District:

All of the land lying within Five Hundred (500) feet measured perpendicularly along both sides of the new Route 9, and including all of the land between old Route 9 (so-called) and the new Route 9, extending from North Street in a generally northwesterly direction to the Pelham and Amherst Town Lines. (Vote, Yes 26 - No. 5)

Art. 9. Voted to extend the scope and authority of the War Memorial Committee to include the keeping of suitable data on persons serving in combat zones since the Korean Conflict. (Vote, Yes Unanimous)

Art. 10. Voted to dissolve the meeting at 8:25 P.M.

A true copy, Attest:

Robert D. Camp, Sr.
Town Clerk

Raised and Appropriated	$6,960.00
Appropriated from available funds	5,236.94

WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING – NOVEMBER 20, 1967

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Hampshire, ss.

To any of the Constables of the Town of Belchertown, in said County, GREETING: In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn all the inhabitants of the Town of Belchertown, qualified to vote in Town affairs, to meet at the Lawrence Memorial Hall, in said Belchertown, on Monday, the twentieth day of November, A.D., 1967, at 7:30 o'clock in the evening then and there to act on the following articles, viz:

Art. 1. To see if the Town will accept as a town way a section of State Highway, being a portion of Maple Street, at and near its intersection with Route 202, all as shown on a plan entitled "Proposed State Highway Discontinuance Belchertown" on file with the office of the Town Clerk, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 2. To see if the Town will raise and appropri ate or transfer from available funds in the treasury a sum of money for the Snow Removal Account, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 3. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds in the treasury a sum of money for an Unpaid Bill of 1962, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 4. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds in the treasury a sum of money for an Unpaid Bill of 1963, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 5. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds in the treasury a sum of money for Belchertown's share of the expenses of the Belchertown-Granby Welfare District, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 6. To see if the Town will appropriate a sum of money from the Road Machinery Earnings Account to the Road Machinery Expense Account, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 7. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof, one at Dwight, one at Metacomet Street, one on Turkey Hill Road, one on South Street one on Depot Street, one at Town Hall, one and at Lawrence Memorial Hall, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at or before the time of holding said meeting.

GIVEN UNDER OUR HANDS this ninth day of November, A.D., 1967.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Wm. Gerry Whitlock
William H. Squires, Jr.
Frank E. Farrington, Jr.
Francis P. Loftus
Herbert E. Squires

To the Town Clerk:

The Town Meeting Warrant is returned herewith. The posting instructions contained in the warrant and in the Town By-Laws have been complied with.

ERNEST M. GAY
Constable
November 10, 1967

A true copy, Attest:
Robert D. Camp, Sr.
Town Clerk

Action Taken

Moderator – Charles W. Jackson

Voters present – 26. (Quorum required – 25)

Return of warrant read by Town Clerk.

Meeting called to order at 7:34 P.M.

Art. 1. Voted, that upon discontinuance as a state highway by the Mass. Dept. of Public Works with the concurrence of the County Commissioners, the Town accept as a town way that portion of Maple Street, now a state highway, a total of 44,000 square feet, at and near its intersection with Route 202 as shown on a plan now on file in the office of the Town Clerk entitled "proposed state highway discontinuance Belchertown", and that the town will authorize the Selectmen to complete and make any necessary arrangements with the Massachusetts Department of Public Works that are required concerning drainage.

Art. 2. Vote disallowed by Bureau of Accounts.

Art. 3. Vote disallowed by Bureau of Accounts.

Art. 4. Vote disallowed by Bureau of Accounts.

Art. 5. Vote disallowed by Bureau of Accounts. (The town lacks the authority to appropriate funds in the manner stated under articles 2 through 5.)

Art. 6. Voted to appropriate the sum of $500.00 from the Road Machinery Earnings Account to the Road Machinery Expense Account. (Vote, Yes Unanimous)

Art. 7. Voted to dissolve the meeting at 7:48 P.M.

Attest:
Robert D. Camp, Sr.
Town Clerk

WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING – DECEMBER 11, 1967

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Hampshire, ss.

To any of the Constables of the Town of Belchertown, in said County, GREETING: In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn all the inhabitants of the Town of Belchertown, qualified to vote in Town affairs, to meet at the Lawrence Memorial Hall, in said Belchertown, on Monday, the eleventh day of December, A.D., 1967, at 7:30 o'clock in the evening then and there to act on the following articles, viz:

Art. 1. To see if the Town will transfer from available funds in the treasury a sum of money for the Snow Removal Account, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 2. To see if the Town will transfer from available funds in the treasury a sum of money for an Unpaid Bill of 1962, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 3. To see if the Town will transfer from available funds in the treasury a sum of money for an Unpaid Bill of 1963, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 4. To see if the Town will transfer from available funds in the treasury a sum of money for Belchertown's share of the expenses of the Belchertown-Granby Welfare District, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 5. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof one at Dwight, one at Metacomet Street, one on Turkey Hill Road, one on South Street, one on Depot Street, one at Town Hall, and one at Lawrence Memorial Hall, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at or before the time of holding said meeting.

GIVEN UNDER OUR HANDS this twenty-ninth day of November, A.D., 1967.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Wm. Gerry Whitlock, Chairman
William H. Squires, Jr.
Frank E. Farrington, Jr.
Francis P. Loftus
Herbert E. Squires

To the Town Clerk:

The Town Meeting Warrant is returned herewith. The posting instructions contained in the warrant and in the Town By-Laws have been complied with.

ERNEST M. GAY
Constable
December 1, 1967

A true copy, Attest:

Robert D. Camp, Sr.
Town Clerk

Action Taken

Moderator – Charles W. Jackson

Voters present – 26 (Quorum required – 25)

Return of the Warrant read by Town Clerk

Meeting called to order at 7:40 P.M.

Art. 1. Voted to transfer from available funds in the treasury the sum of $5,000.00 for the Snow Removal Account. (Vote, Yes Unanimous)

Art. 2. Voted to transfer from available funds in the treasury the sum of $151.54 for an Unpaid Bill of 1962 for the Welfare Department. (Vote, Yes Unanimous)

Art. 3. Voted to transfer from available funds in the treasury the sum of $813.75 for an Unpaid Bill of 1963 for the Welfare Department. (Vote, Yes Unanimous)

Art. 4. Voted to transfer from available funds in the treasury the sum of $1,861.98 for Belchertown's share of the expenses of the Belchertown-Granby Welfare District. (Vote, Yes Unanimous)

Art. 5. Voted to dissolve this meeting at 7:43 P.M. (Vote, Yes Unanimous)

A true copy, Attest:

Robert D. Camp, Sr.
Town Clerk

Total appropriated from available funds – $7,827.27

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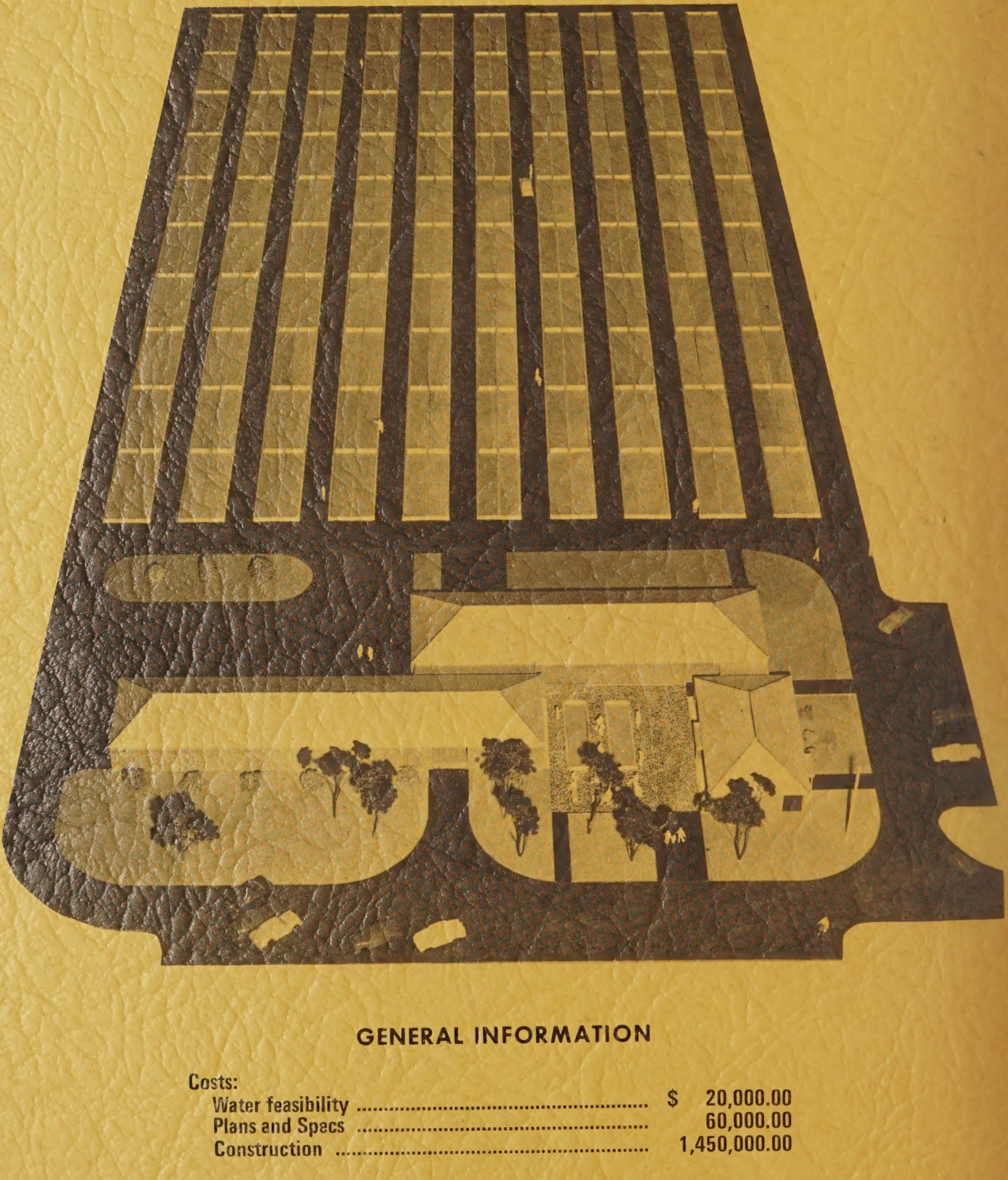
Town Services

FIRE EMERGENCY: REPORT FIRE	323-7500
For Other Purposes	323-7571
POLICE DEPARTMENT	323-6685
AMBULANCE SERVICE	323-6685

TOWN DEPARTMENTS:	LOCATION:	TELEPHONE:
Selectmen	Lawrence Memorial Hall Selectmen's Hours Monday evenings — 7:00 to 10:00 P.M.	323-6902
Town Accountant	Lawrence Memorial Hall	323-6902
Town Treasurer	Lawrence Memorial Hall	323-6901
Town Clerk	Lawrence Memorial Hall	323-6901
Tax Collector	Lawrence Memorial Hall Collector's Hours Monday — Friday 8:30-12 1-5:30 Monday evenings 6:30-8:30	323-6901
Board of Assessors	Lower Lawrence Memorial Hall	323-7541
Planning Board	Lower Lawrence Memorial Hall	
Cemetery Commissioners	Lower Lawrence Memorial Hall	
Board of Appeals	Lower Lawrence Memorial Hall	
Finance Committee	Lower Lawrence Memorial Hall	
Board of Health	Lower Lawrence Memorial Hall	
Civil Defense	Lower Lawrence Memorial Hall	
Highway Department	Town Garage — Jabish Street	323-7751
Public Welfare	Main Street	323-6300
Pumping Station	Johnson Street	323-6987
	SCHOOL DEPARTMENT	
Superintendents Office	Clapp Memorial Library	323-6347
New Jr.-Sr. High School	Three Rivers Road	323-6941
Cold Spring School	South Main Street	323-7518
Memorial School	Main Street	323-7042
Franklin School	Bondsville Road	283-5031

NEW QUABBIN FISH HATCHERY

Located on East Street, Belchertown



GENERAL INFORMATION

Costs:

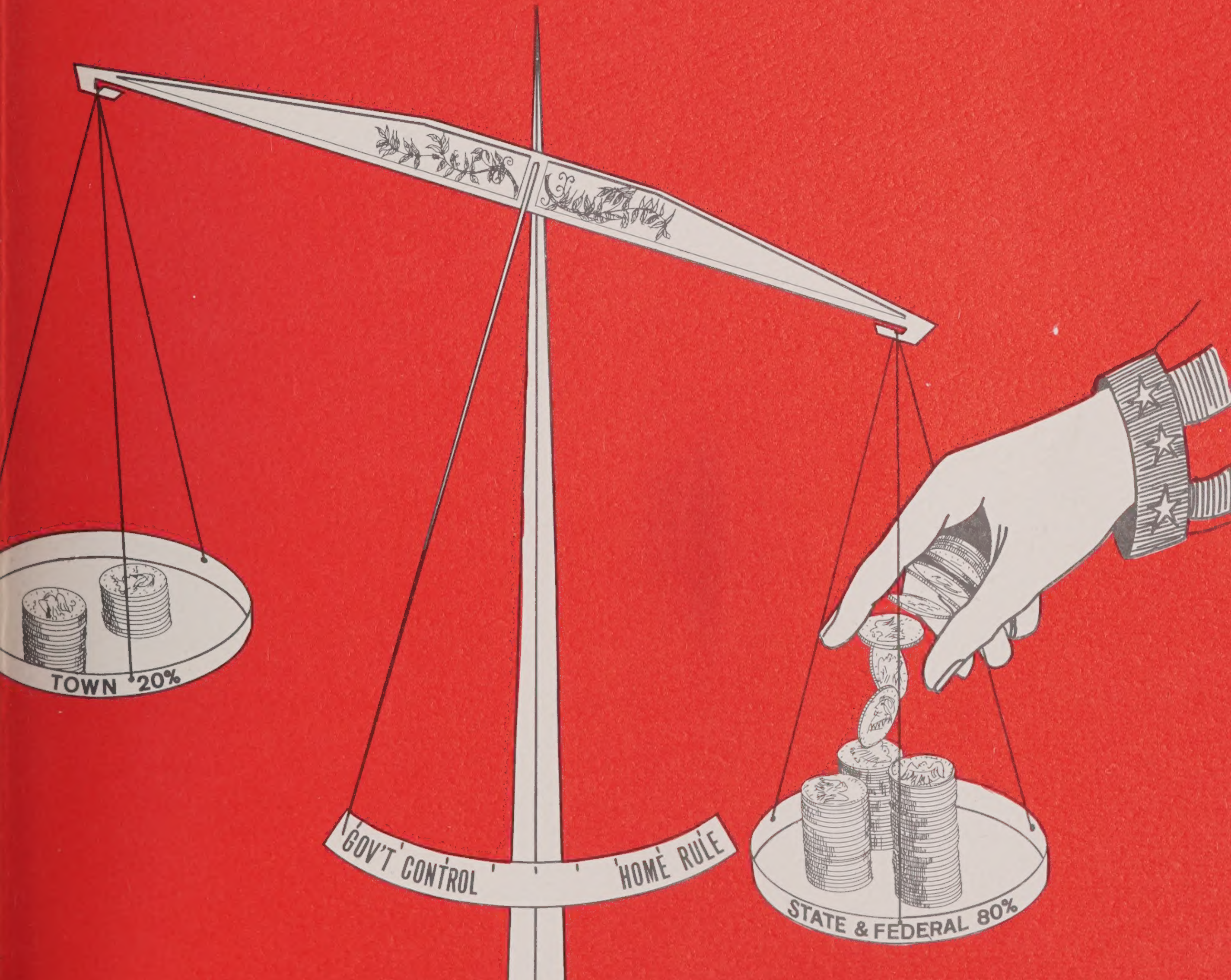
Water feasibility	$ 20,000.00
Plans and Specs	60,000.00
Construction	1,450,000.00

Planned Production (Three species of trout)
200,000 pounds production (minimum)

Man power required
6 or 7 personnel

TOWN OF BELCHERTOWN

ANNUAL REPORT


GOV'T CONTROL
HOME RULE
TOWN 20%
STATE & FEDERAL 80%
PCM

For the Year Ending December 31, 1968

n the Chairman

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undred and thirty-four, ... "

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good place to live - and also bring
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who are now serving on the var-
boards and committees in your
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are either elected or appointed to
job which is regulated by the Gen-
Laws of the Commonwealth of
sachusetts and the regulations set
by our town by-laws which have
voted at our town meetings.

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s of our community are wider
ets, better sewers or more schools
housing, but fundamentally I feel
they are wrong. What we need
cally is qualified persons with
e, organization, and leadership.
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e by attending our town meetings
annual and special) and even
meetings as are held by the se-
nen or other boards or commit-
You need to see that the proper
le are put on these various boards
committees so that the work will
one, in order to make Belcher-
thrive.

have attempted in the past three
s to standardize the annual re-
so as to make it more interest-
nd more understandable. We have
ested that rather than just have a
dard report from the various committees, that they include progress reports and other interesting information, so that you can see just what is being accomplished.

It is our hope that this new format will produce an improved report.

Retirement Party for Superintendent Joseph Kulig

About the Cover

This year's cover is a change from the usual routine of pictures of various historical places in town, as we are trying to show you the loss of control of finances which the towns and cities must accept due to State and Federal regulations.

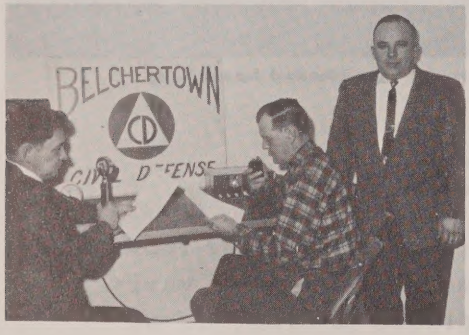
Will the scales ever be balanced, or will the State continue to obligate us, by vote of the legislature; forcing us to underwrite such programs as welfare, medicaid, and minimum wage laws; and other programs which are instituted by the Federal government?

Home rule is something that we all hear and talk about, but we never really seem to get into the action to have it returned to its proper place - local control.

It is easy to receive from the open hand, but we often forget that what we receive has to be paid for, and we are the ones who supply the funds.

Which way will the pendulum go in 1969?

School Building Committee and Board of Selectmen


BELCHERTOWN
CD
CIVIL DEFENSE

Civil Defense

Planning Board

Your Finance Committee at Work

Industrial and Development Commission

School Committee

Belchertown---A Good Place to Live

the course of the almost 240
s that have elapsed since the
permanent settlers came to this
e from Hatfield and Northampton,
hertown has been well known for
riety of things.

n the beginning, when it was
ed Cold Spring, it was known for the
sant watering place on the Bay Path
een Northampton and Boston.

n the eighteenth century, one of
historians writes, the town was
ous for the violence of its thunder-
ms and of its ecclesiastical dis-
s.

the mid-nineteenth century, we be-
e renowned as a carriage-manu-
uring center, and the products of
many shops were shipped literally
ver the world, orders coming
as far away as Australia and
ia. Belchertown was then "The
oit of the Carriage Industry", and
historian wrote that "Nothing bet-
reached the markets than the car-
es, sleighs, and buggies bearing
abel, 'Made in Belchertown'."
gs of buggies were taken South
spring for the plantation owners.
this industry faded out with the
nt of the machine, we took on the
ct of a dairy-farming area, with
enter" where the retired farmers
e to round out their lives, and
e hundreds of city visitors made
a summer resort, prosperous
gh to maintain two large hotels,
e two railroads had more than a
e of passenger trains leaving the station daily. This was at the close of the century.

As the home of the Belchertown State School, which was established here in the 1920's, the town was given an employment stability and a wide reputation for the quality of the accomplishments in that town within our town.

The Belchertown Fair has a history of more than a century of continuous operation and it is still a drawing card for thousands on the 12th of each October.

Now, with Quabbin Reservoir as a scenic and fishing center, with Robin Farm as a vast camping ground, and with Mill Valley Golf Links welcoming enthusiasts to the beautiful course and club house, we are gaining wide renown as a recreational center for those who live in crowded cities and busy suburbs.

But best of all, we are getting to be known more and more as a most pleasant town in which to have a home, far enough out in the country to live simply and restfully, and yet close to large industrial and mercantile centers, to the best of educational institutions, and to all sorts of cultural attractions.

With excellent public schools, ecumenically-minded churches, and citizens who are concerned with our reputation as a community, most of us have reason to be glad that we have chosen Belchertown as a good town in which to live.

Belding F. Jackson

Town Officers 1968
Elected Officers

Name	Term Expires
Moderator	
Charles W. Jackson	1969
Town Clerk	
Robert D. Camp, Sr.	1969
Board of Selectmen & Welfare*	
W. Gerry Whitlock, Chmn.	1971
Michael S. Mathras	1971
William H. Squires, Jr.	1970
Herbert E. Squires	1970
Francis P. Loftus	1969
(*Board of Welfare terminated 7/1/68)	
Town Treasurer	
Robert D. Camp, Sr.	1970
Tax and Town Collector	
Robert D. Camp, Sr.	1971
School Committee	
Harold W. Willey, Chmn.	1970
Robert J. Donovan	1969
Lloyd C. Chadbourne, Jr.	1969
David A. Staples	Resigned
Kenneth W. Thayer	1969
(Elected under Sec. 11, Chap. 41)	
Richard D. Pratt	1971
Planning Board	
Raymond V. Burke, Chmn.	1970
Sidney W. Wheeler	1971
Donald S. Cole	1972
George H. Foster, Jr.	1973
William H. Henneman, Jr.	1969
Cemetery Commissioner	
Edward L. Fuller, Chmn.	1969
Roy P. Reece, Jr.	1970
Edmond A. Blaine	1971
Board of Assessors	
Harold B. Ketchen, Chmn.	1
William F. Kimball, Jr.	1
Isaac A. Hodgen	1
Sewer Commissioner	
D. Donald Hazen, Chmn.	1
Edward H. Parker	1
Harry L. Brougham	1
Tree Warden	
Albert W. Brown	1
Board of Health	
Kenneth L. Collard, MD, Chmn.	1
James A. Bonafini, Sr.	1
Charlotte P. Ketchen RN	1
Almoner - Whiting Street an Susan M. D. Bridgman Fund	
Ruth B. Fuller	1
Sophia M. Pero	1
Calvin Bridgman Funds, Trust	
Sidney W. Wheeler	1
D. Donald Hazen	1
George A. Poole	1

Appointed Officers

Town Accountant	
Pauline C. Johnson	3/31
Assistant Town Clerk	
Margaret S. Kirby	3/3
Assistant Treasurer	
Margaret S. Kirby	7/16
Deputy Collector	
Oren K. Gilbert	12/31
Margaret S. Kirby	12/31

Finance Committee

nneth H. Main, Chmn.	1970
nley F. Rhodes	1970
ederick E. Panzer	1969
nneth W. Thayer	Resigned
muel J. Joyal	1971
thur J. Moriarty	1971

Board of Registrars

len M. Rhodes	1971
lfred L. Noel	Deceased
se A. Joyal	Resigned
rtha M. Loftus	Resigned
ry T. Vanasse	1969
thur H. Brennen	1970

Board of Appeals

nry Renouf, Chmn.	1969
lter J. Carmody	1971
nald Perham	1970
arles F. Howard, ssociate Member	1970
seph Tolpa, ssociate Member	1971

Police Chief

nest M. Gay	1969

Deputy Police Chief

drew T. Sears	1969

Fire Chief & Forest Warden

uis E. Fuller	1969

Supt. of Streets

seph A. Kulig	Retired
bert L. LePage	1969

Sealer of Weights & Measures

yal K. Gay	1969

Veterans' Agent

rl F. Henrichon	1969

Supt. Insect Pest Control

bert W. Brown	1969

Dog Officer

llace F. Chevalier	1969

Town Counsel

Paul T. Ford, Attorney	1969

Inspector of Wiring

Walter J. Henry	1969

Zoning By-Law Enforcement Officer

Donald F. Bock	1969

Veteran's Graves Officer

Milton Butler	1969

Civil Defense Director

Edward H. Gates	1969

Assistant Civil Defense Director

Chester F. Dzwonkowski	1969

C. D. Radio Officer

Leonard H. Syriac	1969

C. D. Radio Officer Ass't.

Florian Czupkiewicz	1969

C. D. Radio Operator

Francis J. Burnett	1969
Nancy M. Burnett	1969
Ernest C. Reed	1969

Rationing Board

Edward H. Gates	1969
Andrew T. Sears	1969
William H. Squires, Jr.	1969

Belchertwon Housing Authority

Hudson Holland, Chmn.	1969
Irene B. Orlando	1969
H. Morgan Ryther	1969
William R. Malmstedt	1969

Regional District School Committee

David A. Staples	1969

Public Weighers

Joseph Tolpa	1969
Rudolph Smola	1969
Thaddeus Bodzinski	1969
Robert G. Anderson	1969

Regional District School Committee

David A. Staples	1969

Police Officers

Ernest M. Gay	1969
Andrew T. Sears	1969
Merton L. Pratt	1969
Randolph H. Brown	1969
Elmer M. Potter	1969
Thomas C. Kubacki	1969
John H. Reed	1969
A. Preston Atwood	Resigned
Robert G. Anderson	1969
Lester M. Beaudoin	1969
Robert D. Dubuque	1969
Julius J. Matusko	1969
Edward S. Czech	1969
Mrs. Elizabeth Schmidt	1969
Mrs. Pauline C. Johnson	1969
Raymond E. Breton	1969
Parker Ketchen	1969
Edward A. Gallerani	1969

Special Police Officers

School Traffic

Mrs. Lillian Austin	1969
Alexander M. Cochrane	1969

Belchertown Fair

A. Preston Atwood	Duration
Nelson J. Hill	Duration
Stanley Antonovitch	Duration
Isaac A. Hodgen	Duration

Highway Construction (State)

Hugh K. Hubbard, Jr.	Duration
Dexter Main	Duration
Harry Plant	Duration

Renouf and Camp Grounds

Henry Renouf	Duration

Swift River Sportsmans Club

Ralph Goodreau	Duration
Claude Clark	Duration
Floyd E. Sieczkowski	Duration

Constable

Ernest M. Gay	1969
Andrew T. Sears	1969

Conservation Commission

Edward O. Lofland, Chmn.	1
Mrs. Eleanor Bartlett	1
Mrs. Freda Jackson	1
E. Holland Low	1
Sherman Gould	1

Associate Member

Lionel Buzzard	1
Albert Brighenti	1
Albert W. Brown	1

Development & Industrial Commis

Daniel J. Kelly	1
Peter J. Godin	Resig
Chester A. Pinkos	1
Harvey Dickinson	1
Roy H. King, Sr.	1
Wm. Gerry Whitlock (Resigned)	1
Sidney W. Wheeler	1
Kenneth H. Snow	1
Patrick Kamins	1
William H. Squires, Jr.	1
Walter Wadsworth	1
Channing Kimball	1

Parks & Recreation Committee

Mrs. Louise M. Barrett	1
Michael P. Forgue	1
Robert Klouda	1
Loren D. Shumway	1
James V. Gagne	1

Community Action Committee

Mrs. Charlotte P. Ketchen	1
Mrs. Ann Austin	1
Belding F. Jackson	1
Francis P. Loftus	1
Sidney W. Wheeler	1

War Memorial Committee

Isaac A. Hodgen
Frederick E. Lincoln
Carl Peterson
William H. Squires, Jr.
Roy F. Whidden
Mrs. Alice Samborski

Jr. - Sr. High School
Constr. Committee
ıc A. Hodgen, Chmn.
ter L. Papp
ford E. Holt
ı V. Nelson, Sec.
id A. Staples
ı B. Curry, Jr., Supt.
officio)

Town Mgr. or Exec.
Secretary Committee
Bernard Bowler
nk E. Farrington, Jr.
ed C. Drew
liam R. Malmstedt
vard H. Parker

nmittee to Investigate Sewer &
er Facilities in South Part of
Belchertown
ı W. Avery
ley Handzel
ı J. Garvan
hur J. Moriarty
. Jane M. Kubacki

rganization and appointments of
the Board of Health
Kenneth L. Collard, M.D.,
airman
rlotte P. Ketchen, R.N.,
erk
es A. Bonafine, Sr.
ember

pecial Agent for Board at Bel-
hertown State School
vrence P. Bowser, M.D.

gent Sanitarian
n A. Brickett,

nspector of Animals
is J. Austin,

nspector of Slaughtering
m L. Antonovitch,

Inspector of Plumbing
Delmore A. Lajeuneese,

Inspector of Gas
Mrs. Doris S. Squires,
Report Clerk

Respectfully submitted,
Robert D. Camp, Sr.
Town Clerk

Some knit and some sew in Mrs. Copithorne's home making class.

H. E. Squires W. G. Whitlock
F. P. Loftus W. H. Squires
M. S. Mathras

Selectmen's Report

The Board of Selectmen submits its annual report for the year ending December 31, 1968. Your Board strongly feels that the major roles of the Selectmen are to administer their regular duties, and to promote and encourage the growth and future prosperity of the Town of Belchertown. Each year we state this fact, and we hope that you will agree progress is being made.

Many people make up our Town government and offer many dedicated hours of free and paid services in order to help make Belchertown a more progressive community. Town government continues to grow and expenses are ever on the increase. As we look to the future we cannot foresee any levelling-off period ahead. Such things as greater services and the needs of our own town operation plus the continuation of our State legislature, which passes our laws, put greater demands on our local finances. Minimum wage laws, take-over of welfare (which has gone totally out of control), the medicaid program (which has been in existence
for two years), and has also r
of line - all are contributing fa
(We have voted against several
ulations in regards to medicai
have been vetoed every time.)
Federal intervention and fundi
grams which usually are start
turned over to the municipaliti
continue and to finance on thei
add to our delema. We think t
all can agree that in order to h
progress money will have to be
but we would like to see it done
business-like manner.

Your Board met and organi
during the month of March, wel
coming back Michael S. Mathra
Wm. Gerry Whitlock. Once ag
the Board used the same forma
sub-dividing the members to ac
liason to the various departmen
It is the duty of this liason to a
the department heads in any wa
sible and to make a report on M
nights on the activities of that d
partment. (We have tried to el
ate having each department hea
porting directly to the Board, a
feel that this is not necessary.)
Board organized as follows: W
Gerry Whitlock, Chairman, Wi
H. Squires, Jr., Vice chairma
liason to the Highway and Fire
partment, Michael S. Mathras,
liason to the Parks and Recreat
Committee and Municipal Build
Herbert E. Squires, liason to t
Police Department - clerk, Fra
P. Loftus, liason to Welfare (d
continued July 1, 1968), Region
Planning Program, and Housin
the Elderly.

The Board has continued to
its weekly meetings on Monday
We have found this to be very s
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t more convenient for those
sh to receive assistance or
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to run the operation of our
g in a more business-like
r, but still find that this is
ard to control.
e have found the new program
ll-time town accountant and
ary to be most effective, and
t deal of help in our entire town
ion. This has been a great step
d, in that it enables the people
sit our town to receive infor-
and proper attention by not
to wait for a week in order to
ir business accomplished.

Improvements
1968, a complete renovation
m in Lower Lawrence Mem-
Hall was completed, with the
n of several permanent
for major town departments.
ur hope to have an open house
spring for all the residents
chertown.
he promoting and establishment
ousing for the Elderly Com-
, which received a favorable
a special Town Meeting,
d another milestone, and it is
pe that in 1969 this project will
e a reality. The Committee
ne its work well, and now the
ion to the Belchertown Housing
ity will take place with the
g of our Annual Town Meeting.
he Town of Belchertown re-
the new Junior-Senior High
from the School Building Com-
, and turned the keys over to
hool Committee. The Building
ittee deserves a great deal of
from the entire town for an
ent job.

The 1967, the Board initaited a medical survey under the auspices of the Sears Foundation, in regards to encouraging a second doctor to move to Belchertown. In following this up in 1968, we have run into complications with the Foundations, and have consequently had several consultations with the Wing Memorial Hospital, and have urged that people either visit or use this facility which instituted a new program this year. We have seen no real hope of securing the services of a second physician, due to the new medical trend.

The new police program with a full-time chief was put into effect in June. The major delay was due to a telephone strike, as we all had hopes that this program would be in operation by the end of May. The new police quarters have been completed, and are now located in lower Lawrence Memorial Hall. The Department has done an excellent job in setting up this new office and getting organized.

We recommended that the Town build a new road into the new State Fish Hatchery which is located off East Street. We went to the County and State to acquire sufficient funds to do this project. Both agencies were more than cooperative, and funds were received. The Town provided $2, 750. 00, voted at a special town meeting, and $6, 000. 00 out of Chapter 616, which is a bond issue and is 100% reimbursable by the State. Total cost of said project is $35, 000. 00.

It is our hope that the new State Fish Hatchery will be beneficial to out entire community, and we look for future expansion in that area by the Divison of Fisheries and Game.

The Board welcomed the new owners of the Mill Valley Golf Club, and has worked to help promote this new business, as we feel that this is a great asset to the Town of Belchertown. The new owners have proven to be more than cooperative, and we wish them every success.

After the Bondsville fire, the Board worked with and encouraged the Print Work Mill Shop, which is owned by local residents, to move to the former Grossman property. This also has proven to be a great addition to the Town.

The Board attended, as representatives of the Town of Belchertown, bicentennial celebrations in Granby, Sunderland, and Worthington. These towns were well-represented in our bicentennial celebration, and we feel that it is a "good-neighbor" policy to be represented at these functions.

We have continued the program of meeting with our neighboring town Selectmen, both in Belchertown and away, as we feel that a great deal of information can be gained by all parties involved. This has been very helpful, and beneficial to us, and some of the communities with which we have met are now in the process of setting up a liason-type of operation, which we instituted here in Belchertown.

The Board appointed a Committee to study the water and sewer problems which are going to be a major problem in the near future in the South end of our Town. This Committee has worked jointly with a similar group appointed by the Palmer Selectmen. Several meetings have been held between the two towns, and a progress report has been submitted and is included in our Annual Town Report.

In order to become more effici and to follow-up various leads which we receive during the year and to h promote the Town, and encourage various businesses to move to Belch town, the Selectmen appointed an Industrial and Development Commit which has proven to be a good and active group. This Committee shou be commended on their efforts duri the past year.

Two years ago, the Board, wor along with the Belchertown State Sch initiated a work program to help rehabilitate some of the residents of the School by hiring two residents who have been working for the Town highway department. We are proud say that one of the residents has bee rehabilitated and moved back into private life. We are continuing this program, and presently have two re idents working for us.

We have met with all appointed and elected boards during this past year so that we might be informed o their activities. We fee that the cooperation of all boards working together is a must if we are to succee in assuring Belchertown's future.

In closing out our year, we wou like to take this opportunity to thank the Townspeople, the Town employe and any others for their cooperation and assistance. In order to succeed in many of our projects, we have had to call upon many civic-minded citizens, who are needed to work along with the Town officials and cicic-minded groups if Belchertown is to reach its goal and assure its future. We have tried to our job to the best of our ability, and hop that you will continue to be interested.

Looking forward to seeing you a at the Annual Town Meeting on Marc 10th.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
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State Office Building, Government Center
100 Cambridge Street, Boston 02202

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OMMISSIONER
UR H. MACKINNON
RECTOR OF ACCOUNTS

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P O BOX 2017
BOSTON, MASS. 02106

September 23, 1968

the Board of Selectmen
Mr. William Gerry Whitlock, Chairman
Belchertown, Massachusetts

ntlemen:

I submit herewith my report of an audit of the books and ccounts of the town of Belchertown for the period from August 1, 65 to May 31, 1968, made in accordance with the provisions of apter 44, General Laws. This is in the form of a report made to by Mr. William Schwartz, Assistant Chief of Bureau.

Very truly yours,
Arthur H. MacKinnon
Director of Accounts

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TOWN OF BELCHERTOWN
Balance Sheet -- May 31, 1968
GENERAL ACCOUNTS

Assets

Cash		$196,076.63
Accounts Receivable:		
Taxes:		
Levy of 1966		
Real Estate		7.40
Levy of 1967:		
Personal Property	26.00	
Real Estate	7,460.36	
		7,486.36
Motor Vehicle Excise:		
Levy of 1966	294.11	
Levy of 1967	2,484.25	
Levy of 1968	12,915.78	
		15,694.14
Special Assessments:		
Sewer:		
Rentals 1963	15.00	
Rentals 1965	30.00	
Rentals 1966	93.45	
Rentals 1967	167.65	
		306.10
Tax Titles and Possessions:		
Tax Titles	5,328.55	
Tax Possessions	704.93	
		6,033.48
Departmental:		
Highway-Damages and Miscellaneous	2,101.50	
Veterans' Services	772.13	
		2,873.63
Aid to Highways:		
State	69,278.85	

Liabilities and Reserves

Temporary Loan:		
In Anticipation of Revenue 1968		$150,000.00
Payroll Deductions:		
Federal Taxes	$3,141.30	
State Taxes	1,325.26	
County Retirement System	519.99	
Group Hospitalization Insurance	783.54	
Group Life Insurance	88.27	
		5,858.36
Overpayments-to be Refunded:		
Motor Vehicle Excise 1965		11.20
Agency:		
State:		
Sales Tax	7.19	
Sporting Licenses	375.00	
County - Dog Licenses	1,277.50	
Workmen's Compensation Insurance Fund	472.29	
Walter Pratt Private Tax Fund	3.00	
Excess - Sale Lands of Low Value	1,715.48	
		3,850.46
Tailings		1,168.00
Cemetery Perpetual Care Bequests		25.00
Trust Fund Income:		
Susan M. D. Bridgman Charity		4,927.13
Old Age Assistance Recovery		3,984.46

Appropriations Due from State Highway Fund:		
Chapter 679, Acts of 1965	4,221.68	
Chapter 616, Acts of 1967	6,000.00	
		10,221.68
Revenue 1968:		
Appropriations Voted	1,230,204.27	
County Hospital Assessment Paid	2,592.86	
	1,232,797.13	
Deduct:		
Estimated Receipts Collected	-178,888.21	
Available Funds Voted	-132,952.72	
		920,956.20
Unprovided For or Overdrawn Accounts:		
Underestimate 1967:		
State Recreation Areas Assessment		812.56
Overlay Deficits:		
Overlay Surplus	1,446.37	
Levy of 1965	119.29	
Levy of 1966	217.12	
Levy of 1967	5,573.01	
		7,435.79
Overdrawn Appropriation - Authorized Under Section 31, Chapter 44, General Laws:		
Snow Removal 1967		2,054.92

Disability Assistance	1,158.45	
Aid to Dependent Children	267.31	
Old Age Assistance	4,117.52	
Medical Assistance	677.24	
Schools:		
Public Law #81-874, Education	14,776.72	
Public Law #85-864, National Defense Education	1,928.45	
George-Barden, Smith-Hughes	294.30	
		23,219.99
Revolving Funds:		
School Lunch	6,085.42	
School Athletics	454.53	
		6,539.95
Appropriation Balances:		
Revenue:		
General	819,224.55	
Non-Revenue:		
Springfield Road Interceptor Sewer	2,231.61	
Junior and Senior High School Construction	10,284.37	
		831,740.53
Sale of Real Estate Fund		3,363.68
Sale of Cemetery Lots Fund		455.50
Road Machinery Fund		3,657.63

		Overestimate 1967:		
		County Tax		1,208.47
		Revenue Reserved Until Collected:		
		Motor Vehicle Excise	15,694.14	
		Special Assessment	306.10	
		Tax Title and Possession	6,033.48	
		Departmental	2,873.63	
		Aid to Highway	91,980.77	
				116,888.12
	$1,262,364.66	Surplus Revenue		105,466.18
				$1,262,364.66

DEFERRED REVENUE ACCOUNTS

Apportioned Sewer Assessments Not Due	$92.46	Apportioned Sewer Assessment Revenue: Due in 1968 to 1969, Inclusive	$92.46

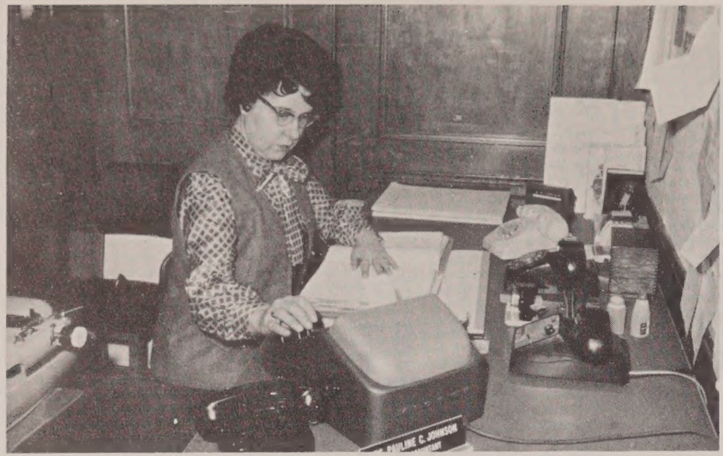
Net Funded or Fixed Debt:		Serial Loans:		
Inside Debt Limit:		Inside Debt Limit:		
General	$49,000.00	Sewer Loan 1949	$9,000.00	
		School Building Loan 1952	40,000.00	
				$49,000.00
Outside Debt Limit:		Outside Debt Limit:		
General	805,000.00	School Building Loan 1952	55,000.00	
		School Building Loan 1963	730,000.00	
		School Building Furnishing and Equiping Loan 1964	20,000.00	
				805,000.00
	$854,000.00			$854,000.00

TRUST AND INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS

Trust and Investment Funds:		Susan M. D. Bridgman Charity Fund	$9,930.34
Cash and Securities	$110,528.40	Whiting Street Worthy Poor Fund	12,258.42
		George D. Longley School Music Fund	2,796.55
		Calvin Bridgman High School Fund	7,874.94
		Calvin Bridgman Library Fund	4,302.79
		Susan M. D. Bridgman Cemetery Fund	642.90
		Nellie Brown Mt. Hope Cemetery Fund	1,144.12
		Willard A. Stebbins Cemetery Fund	1,829.52
		Vienna Somes - Bridgman Cemetery Fund	345.44
		Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund	37,007.69*
		Stabilization Fund	32,395.69
	$110,528.40		$110,528.40

*Includes $25.00 in General Treasury

A true copy, ATTEST: Robert D. Camp, Sr.
Town Clerk


Mrs. Pauline C. Johnson

Report of Town Accountant

To the Board of Selectmen:

I hereby submit my annual report of receipts and expenditures for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1968.

*RECEIPTS

*GENERAL REVENUE

Taxes -	
Current year	
Property	654,833.47
Previous years	37,909.67
Property	
Other local	
Current year	
Farm Animal	924.45
Previous year	
Farm Animal	121.75
Tax Title Redemption	34.04
	693,823.38

From the State -	
In lieu of taxes	17,063.03
State Tax Basis	74,532.40
Chapter 70	150,249.77
Chapter 69-71	7,490.00
Transportation	31,554.13
Reimbursement for School Construction	57,916.79
Machine Basis	2,241
Library Aid	1,296
Meal Tax	1,474
School Lunch	16,139
Recovery (for salt)	50
Chapter 679	2,340
Chapter 616	6,000
	368,349

*LICENSES AND PERMITS

Licenses	
All Alcoholic	4,425
All other	767
Permits	
Marriage	134
	5,326

* FINES AND FORFEITS

Court	721
Departmental Penalties	1,077
	1,798

*GRANTS AND GIFTS

Grants from Federal Government	56,628
Grants from State Government	92,032
Grants from County	24,716
	163,377

*COMMERCIAL REVENUE

Special Assessments	
Current year	5,293
Previous years	175
Apportioned	33
	5,502

* PRIVILEGES

Current year	86,770
Previous years	8,702
	95,472

* DEPARTMENTAL

Financial	
Collector	1,319
Town Clerk	1,265
Board of Appeals	110
Zoning	506
Plumbing	12

Municipal Buildings	
Old Town Hall - Rental	40.00
Old Town Hall - Vending Machines	64.10
Lawrence Memorial Hall	5.00
Sale of Town Maps	41.30
	3,262.40

UBLIC SAFETY

Police	
Licenses, Permits & Accident Reports	1,383.00
Fire Department	29.00
Sealers' Fees	162.55
	1,574.55

IEALTH AND SANITATION

Board of Health	96.50

IGHWAYS

Snow and Sanding Rt. 9 & 21	1,568.77
Road Machinery Earnings	8,482.55
	10,051.32

UBLIC WELFARE

Old Age Assistance	5,696.49
Old Age Assistance, Adm.	41.01
Medical Assistance	19,865.04
Medical Assistance, Adm.	107.33
Aid to Families with Dependent Children	3,987.06
Aid to Families with Dependent Children, Adm.	11.98
Disability Assistance	31.02
Disability Assistance, Adm.	7.94
General Welfare	30.00
	29,777.87

ETERANS' SERVICE	851.41

*SCHOOLS

School Lunch	42,791.35
Athletic Account	1,113.45
Other:	
Tuition	231.42
Sale of Town Owned Property	56.00
Instruction #2000 - from Calvin Bridgman Library Fund	1,625.00
Other	165.92
	45,983.14

*UNCLASSIFIED

Rental of property not used for municipal purposes	310.00
Tailings	829.14
All other	734.00
	1,873.14

*CEMETERIES

Sale of lots	154.00
Care of endowed lots	438.50
All other	870.00
	1,462.50

*INTEREST

On deposits	1,830.77
On deferred taxes	1,526.89
On Group Insurance	536.89
Other	3.78
	3,898.33

ADMINISTRATION OF *TRUST FUNDS

Perpetual Care	1,601.62
Susan M. D. Bridgman Income	875.00
Whiting Street Fund	482.77
Nellie E. Brown Cemetery Fund	20.00
George Longley Music Fund	734.85
Calvin Bridgman Library Fund	1,625.00
	5,339.24

*MUNICIPAL INDEBTEDNESS

Temporary Loans	300,000.00

*AGENCY TRUST & INVESTMENT

Agency	
Dog Licenses for County	1,967.75
Sporting Licenses for State	3,176.50
Trust -	
Federal Withholding	91,973.60
Retirement	7,037.88
State Withholding	17,579.96
Blue Cross - Employees	8,473.70
Blue Cross - Pensioners	125.76
Blue Cross - O.M.E.	661.92
Group Insurance	1,011.72
Insurance Reserve	691.85
	132,700.64

*REFUNDS	3,112.44
*TOTAL CASH CARRIED FORWARD JANUARY 1, 1968	262,640.06
*GRAND TOTAL RECEIPTS and Cash on Hand	2,136,273.24

* EXPENDITURES

* GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Selectmen - Salaries	3,075.00
Expenses:	
Assoc. Dues	148.36
Clerical	1,200.00
Assoc. Meetings	214.70
Telephone	368.42
Mileage	176.96
Office Supplies	134.48
All Other	78.44
	5,396.36

Town Accountant - Salary	2,250.00
Expenses:	
Assoc. Dues	5.00
File Cabinet	73.53
Assoc. Meetings	32.46
Service Contract	66.00
Office Supplies	272
	2,699

Treasurer - Salary	2,500
Expenses:	
Assoc. Dues	6
Clerical	1,395
Postage	240
Bonds	192
Mileage	92
Office Supplies	163
	4,590

Collector - Salary	2,700
Expenses:	
Assoc. Dues	9
Clerical	1,092
Postage	405
Bonds	384
Mileage	26
Office Supplies	261
Legal Notices	202
All Other	9
	5,090

Assessors - Salaries	1,600
Expenses:	
Clerical	1,709
Telephone	163
Assoc. Dues	21
Maintaining Valuation	1,857
Mileage	133
Office Supplies	413
Binding Valuation Sheets	66
Transfers & Deeds	130
All Other	193
	6,288

Town Clerk - Salary	1,200
Expenses:	
Assoc. Dues	19
Clerical	350
Telephone	170
Postage	82
Bonds	20
Mileage	39

New Equipment	125.25
Office Supplies	150.44
All Other	33.29
	2,190.00

nance Committee

Assoc. Dues	30.00
Assoc. Meetings	27.50
	57.50

.w Account

Town Counsel Retainer	800.00
All Other	62.50
	862.50

ection & Registration

Registrars wages	1,966.91
Clerical Wages	223.00
Custodial Wages	52.50
Clerk of Registrars	100.00
Election Officials	258.00
Street Listing	524.50
Police Officers	169.76
Posting Warrants	45.00
Equipment	108.90
Mileage	31.60
Printing & Offices Supplies	358.90
All Other	277.96
	4,117.03

anning Board

Assoc. Dues	40.00
Professional Services	125.00
All Other	91.01
	256.01

oard of Appeals

Advertising	40.35
Clerical	28.80
All Other	5.85
	75.00

oning By Law Officer -

alary	400.00
Expenses	45.34
	445.34

Conservation Commission

Assoc. Dues	25.00

Industrial and Development Commission

Expenses	108.25

Old Town Hall

Wages	553.00
Electricity	121.68
Fuel	479.69
Painting	50.00
Mats	225.00
Repairs	277.35
	1,706.72

Lawrence Memorial Hall

Janitor	535.00
Incinerator (Inc. Installation	295.00
New Hand Rails	195.00
Office Equipment	486.04
Care of Grounds	83.90
Electricity	332.42
Repairs & Replacements	1,690.30
	3,617.66

Lawrence Memorial Hall - Renovations	1,600.00

Town Garage

Fuel	564.13
Telephone	116.07
Electricity	206.28
Water	75.59
Generator	250.00
Sweeper	65.15
Repairing Roof	296.75
Repairs to Furnace	265.91
All Other	14.70
	1,854.58

*PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

Police Department

Chief - Salary	4,116.63
Officers Wages	15,385.84
Clerical Wages	500.00
Trousers	80.75

Badges	109.15
Radio-Antenna (Inc. Installation)	1,279.64
Telephone	457.34
Gas	1,465.51
Maintenance Cruiser and Ambulance	475.95
Legal Fees	345.00
Office Supplies	463.90
Assoc. Dues	15.00
Dry Cleaning	46.05
Tires	285.24
Radio Service	184.42
Ammunition	76.00
Mileage	51.80
Film & Bulbs	73.02
All Other	1,547.54
	26,958.78
Police Department - New Cruiser	1,882.00
Fire Department	
Chief - Salary	600.00
Radio	632.20
Telephone	432.55
Electricity	143.09
Fuel	390.25
Assoc. Dues	15.00
Radio Service	255.34
Repairs & Replacements	771.07
Permits	50.00
Repairs to Truck	629.50
Snow Removal	100.00
All Other	469.86
	4,488.66
Forest Fire Account	2,277.44
Water Storage Holes	110.60
Hydrant Service	3,000.00
Insect Pest Control	
Wages	262.00

Hired Equipment	403
Materials	134
	799
Dutch Elm Disease	
Wages	796
Hired Equipment	503
	1,299
Tree Warden	
Wages	992
Hired Equipment	742
Trees	260
Assoc. Dues	5
	1,999
Wiring Inspector	300
Sealer of Weights and Measures	300
Dog Officer Fees	1,462
Dog Officer Expense	300
Civil Defense -	
Salary	300
Expenses:	
Telephone	94
New Equipment	269
Mileage	45
Painting	161
All Other	33
	905
HEALTH AND SANITATION	
Board of Health	
Salaries	350
Expenses:	
Sanitarian Wages	375
Sanitarian Expense	180
Clerk of Infectious Diseases	50
Plumbing Inspector	300
Animal Inspector	300
Pest Control	108
Clinic Expenses	326

Premature Birth	436.32
Office Supplies	44.15
All Other	150.55
	2,620.64
wer Commissioners	
alaries	650.00
wer Maintenance	
Expenses:	
Wages	1,008.50
Hired Equipment	468.00
Clerical	76.95
Materials	326.89
Mowing	52.25
Sewage Processing	5,592.99
All Other	55.37
	8,230.95
own Dump	
Caretaker Wages	480.00
Other Wages	375.70
Bulldozing	390.00
Hired Equipment	245.13
Gravel	141.00
	1,631.83

GHWAYS - Chapter 81

ow Removal	
Wages	1,746.00
Town Equipment	140.00
Salt	3,009.07
Other Wages	12,633.97
Insurance	691.85
Town Equipment	1,847.70
Hired Equipment	2,067.50
Materials	10,872.69
All Other	66.66
	33,075.44
Chapter 90 Construction	
Wages	13,939.73
Town Equipment	4,420.65
Hired Equipment	10,310.75
Materials	46,619.14
Calcium	345.60
All Other	14.00
	75,649.87

Chapter 90 Maintenance	
Wages	4,315.73
Town Equipment	463.40
Hired Equipment	248.95
Material	13,603.28
All Other	368.50
	18,999.86
Chapter 679	
Wages	860.35
Town Equipment	68.00
Hired Equipment	2,898.75
Materials	851.51
All Other	119.64
	4,798.25
Chapter 822 - East Walnut St.	
Materials	1.11
Chapter 616	
Wages	1,894.87
Hired Equipment	3,474.50
Town Equipment	285.75
All Other	33.61
	5,688.73
General	
Wages	6,878.90
Clerical	500.00
Street Signs	954.50
Hired Equipment	411.00
Materials	1,188.79
Sidewalks	400.00
All Other	758.24
Tractor (Sidewalk snow plow)	800.00
	11,891.43
Winter Employment	
Wages	4,432.24
Materials	323.00
All Other	27.50
	4,782.74
Brushcutting	
Wages	1,374.00
Hired Equipment	1,013.00
Materials	112.32
	2,499.32
Allen	
Wages	873.90
Hired Equipment	328.75
	1,202.65

Bardwell	
Wages	424.97
Hired Equipment	206.45
Materials	568.05
	1,199.47

Gold	
Wages	344.10
Hired Equipment	334.25
Materials	520.98
	1,199.33

Gulf	
Wages	364.40
Hired Equipment	110.00
Materials	725.60
	1,200.00

Orchard	
Wages	369.55
Hired Equipment	254.25
Materials	525.80
	1,149.60

Pine	
Wages	402.93
Hired Equipment	119.93
Material	590.93
	1,113.79

Shaw	
Wages	405.75
Hired Equipment	572.00
Material	125.60
Blasting	96.00
	1,199.35

South	
Wages	218.20
Hired Equipment	66.00
Materials	259.66

Snow Removal	
Wages	4,826.61
Hired Equipment	6,969.75
Sidewalks	277.00
Parking Lot	120.00
Sand	1,834.34
Salt	4,096.02
Cutting Edges	553.01
All Other	57.70
	18,734.43

Bridges	
Wages	746.30
Hired Equipment	198.00
Pipe	1,795.38
Material	324.32
All Other	65.15
	3,129.15

Road Machinery Expense	
Wages	628.05
Gas	3,240.10
Grease	276.45
Tires	387.06
Parts	896.1
Repairs to all Equipment	5,039.5
All Other	439.22
	10,906.52

Sidewalks	400.00
New Dump Truck	7,928.00
Street Lighting	8,223.00
Sidewalk, Filler Street	144.00

*CHARITIES

Board of Public Welfare - Salary	337.50
Public Assistance	
O. O. A.	2,071.30
M. A.	27,102.25
A. F. D. C.	3,749.13
D. A.	319.40
Assistance	81.00
	33,323.08

Veteran's Agent - Salary	375.00
Veteran's Benefits	
Ordinary Benefits	2,568.59
Heat	789.30
Medication	282.40
Doctor	310.00

Blue Cross-Blue Shield	91.95
Hospital	351.26
Professional Literature	9.00
Stamps	6.50
Office Supplies	1.10
	4,410.10
EDERAL GRANTS IN AID	
O.O.A.	10,501.59
M.A.	41,048.95
A.F.D.C.	4,501.95
D.A.	1,381.57
CHOOLS	
General Control -#1000	
Salaries	23,826.84
Expenses	1,646.47
Committee Expense	474.90
	25,948.21
Instruction #2000	
Salaries	440,764.63
Supplies & Text Books	31,113.12
Clerical Wages	12,365.38
Office Supplies	1,670.60
	485,913.73
her School Services #3000	
Salaries	
Law Enforcement	50.00
Health	7,063.07
Food Services	7,715.35
Transportation	54,184.37
Athletics	7,023.69
All Others	375.00
	76,411.48
eration & Maintenance #4000	
Custodian Salaries	41,214.07
Utilities & Supplies	29,490.69
Repairs & Replacements	15,180.69
	85,885.45
xed Charges - #5000	64.00

Fixed Assets - #700	1,570.00
Programs with Other School #9000	
Tuition - E.P.A.	755.10
Vocational Education Tuition	10,302.12
Transportation	6,955.83
	18,-13.05
Public Law 874	14,140.13
N.D.E.A. Title III	1,058.25
Public Law 88-210	770.00
N.D.E.A. Title IV	2,043.45
E.S.E.A. Title I	4,843.99
Public Law 89-10 Title I	798.00
New Junior-Senior High School	8,964.61
High School Athletic Fund	977.79
Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical School District	1,343.10
School Lunch Program	
Wages	20,828.13
Food	35,685.04
All Other	2,984.37
	59,497.54
Clapp Memorial Library	
Wages	3,077.65
Fuel	549.24
Electricity	224.23
Telephone	97.37
Insurance	450.00
Mileage	128.80
Repainting	423.50
Re-sealing floors	278.00
Books & Periodicals	1,092.57
All Other	23.66
	6,345.02

*RECREATION AND UNCLASSIFIED	
Town Common	
Care of grounds	481.53
Electricity	40.76
All Other	2.00
	524.29
Parsons Field	
Care of grounds	308.00
Drainage	75.00
Electricity	7.50
	397.19
Summer Recreation	
Lifeguard	650.95
Director	586.38
Other Wages	1,349.68
Sports Equipment	1,161.27
New Lawn Mower	60.00
Telephone	16.70
All Other	470.64
	4,295.62
Public Right-of-way - Holland Pond	120.28
UNCLASSIFIED ACCOUNT	
Law Books	400.00
Certification of Notes	14.00
Advertising	159.99
Duplicatior Supplies	143.00
	713.99
Printing - Town Report	1,000.00
Unpaid Bills of 1967	877.82
Town Clock	
Salary	200.00
Painting	250.00
	450.00
Patriotic Exercises	
Flags	69.26
Memorial Day Expenses	91.14
Veterans' Day Expenses	84.90
	245.30
Insurance Account	21,497.41

Reserve Fund	4,714.1
*CEMETERIES	
Cemetery Commissioners - Salaries	500.0
Cemetery Expense	
Wages	2,178.1
Open & Close Graves	650.0
Snow Removal	184.0
Mowing	2,186.2
Materials	445.9
Surveying	446.5
Trees	156.0
Lawn Mower	99.9
Trailer	203.0
All Other	354.2
	6,904.0
Veterans' Graves	114.0
*INTEREST AND MATURING DEBT	
Interest	
1949 Sewer Loan	225.0
1952 School Loan	1,155.0
1952 School Loan	840.0
1963 Jr.-Sr. High School Loan	22,630.0
1964 School Loan	600.0
School Term Loan	4,315.1
	29,765.1
Maturing Debt	
1949 Sewer Loan	2,000.0
1952 School Loan	11,000.0
1952 School Loan	8,000.0
1963 Jr.-Sr. High School Loan	50,000.0
1964 School Loan	10,000.0
Anticipation of Revenue Loans	300,000.0
Road Machinery Loan	5,250.0
	386,250.0
TRUST FUNDS	
Cemetery Perpetual Care	463.5
Susan M. D. Bridgman	

Susan M. D. Bridgman Fund	427.29
Calvin Bridgman Library Fund	1,625.00
Whiting Street Fund	482.77
George Longley Music Fund	734.85
Stabilization Fund	15,000.00
Nellie E. Brown Cemetery Fund	20.00
War Memorial Fund	36.80
Walter Pratt, Private Trust	3.00
	18,793.21

AGENCY

Sporting Licenses	2,944.00
Dog Licenses	1,967.75
County Tax	29,362.64
County Sanitorium Assessment	2,592.86
State Assessment System	230.32
Motor Vehicle Excise Bills	468.60
State Recreation Areas	3,697.82
	41,263.99

*PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS -

Federal Withholding	94,924.90
Retirement	6,913.12
State Withholding	16,957.78
Sale Tax	7.19
Blue Cross-Blue Shield, Employees	9,180.52
Blue Cross-Blue Shield, Pensions	134.88
Blue Cross-Blue Shield, O. M. E.	724.36
Blue Cross-Blue Shield, Town	8,456.72
Group Insurance	1,105.86
Group Insurance, Town	946.68
	139,352.01

*REFUNDS -

Taxes	
Current Year	4,663.12
Previous Years	128.00
Motor Vehicle & Trailer Excise	5,471.69
Farm Animal Excises	72.75
Special Assessments	61.01
	10,396.57
	1,872,256.04
*CASH ON HAND, DECEMBER 31, 1968	264,017.20
Grand Total Expenditures and Cash on Hand	2,136,273.24

Respectfully submitted,

Pauline C. Johnson
Town Accountant

Balance Sheet --- December 31, 1968

Assets

CASH	$264,017.20

ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE:

Levy of 1967 Personal Property	6.00
Levy of 1968 Personal Property	2,884.35
Real Estate	27,633.63

MOTOR VEHICLE AND TRAILER EXCISE:

Levy of 1966	257.96
Levy of 1967	933.88
Levy of 1968	6,599.79

FARM ANIMAL EXCISE:

Levy of 1968	119.78

TAX TITLES AND TAX POSSESSIONS:

Tax Titles	8,369.10
Tax Possessions	704.93

SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS:

Levy of 1966	90.00
Levy of 1967	117.86
Levy of 1968	424.05
Deferred Special Assessments, Not Due	92.44

MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE	2,036.50

AID TO HIGHWAYS:

State	31,082.12
County	7,752.10

OVERDRAFTS:

Reserve Fund-Overlay Surplus	1,415.
Overlay of 1967	164.
State Recreation Areas	487.
Group Life-Employees	3.

DUE FROM CHAPTER 679	1,881.
	$357,073

Liabilities

COUNTY TAX	1,081

PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS:

Federal Withholding	4,161
Retirement	711
State Withholding	1,625
Blue Cross-Blue Shield, Employees	8
Blue Cross-Blue Shield, Pensioners	9
Blue Cross-Blue Shield, O.M.E.	35
Insurance Reserve	693
Road Machinery Earnings	4,959

AGENCY:

Dog Licenses	1
Sporting Licenses	232

TAILINGS	1,997

TRUST FUNDS:

Susan M.D. Bridgman Poor Fund	1,162
Susan M.D. Bridgman Poor Fund, Income	4,639
War Memorial	4

EDERAL GRANTS:

edical Assistance	9,318.99
ublic Law 874-Title I	13,971.72
.D.E.A. -Title III	437.18
.D.E.A. - Title V	5,081.40
ublic Law 88-210	1.30
.S.E.A. - Title I	17.01

EVOLVING FUNDS:

igh School Athletic	143.53
chool Lunch Program	1,426.09

PPROPRIATION BALANCES:

ewer Maintenance	6,511.37
ighways - Chapter 90 Construction	3,796.74
ighways - Chapter 90 Construction, Special	12,465.46
ighways - Chapter 616	311.27
oad Machinery Expense	780.83
idewalks-Fuller Street	2,856.00

LD AGE RECOVERY	3,984.46
ALE OF REAL ESTATE	3,363.68
ROFIT FROM SALE OF LAND OF LOW VALUE	1,715.48
ALE OF CEMETERY LOTS	609.50
VERLAY OF 1968	3,468.26
ARSONS FIELD CLUB HOUSE FUND	1,853.53
ONSERVATION FUND	200.00
CHOOL DEPARTMENT #2000 - from Calvin Bridgman High School Fund	1,625.00
EW JUNIOR-SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL	1,688.30
NTERCEPTOR SEWER	2,231.61
EMETERIES-FROM PERPETUAL CARE	1,407.09

EVENUE RESERVED UNTIL COLLECTED:

Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excises	7,791.63
Farm Animal Excises	119.78
Tax Titles and Tax Possessions Revenue	9,074.03
Special Assessments Revenue	631.91
Deferred Special Assessments, Not Due	92.44
Departmental Revenue	2,036.50
State and County Aid to Highways Revenue	38,834.22

SURPLUS REVENUE	197,903.02
	$357,073.89

Itemized Report of Receipts and Expenditures

Report of Appropriations & Expenditures for the Year Ending December 31, 1968

	1968 Annual Town Meeting Appropriation		Prior Bal., Additions, & Transfers	Amount Available for Expense	Expenditures	Balance
GENERAL GOVERNMENT						
Moderator	25.00			25.00	-0-	25.00
Selectmen, Salaries	3,075.00			3,075.00	3,075.00	-0-
Selectmen, Expense	2,360.00			2,360.00	2,321.36	38.64
Town Accountant, Salary	2,250.00			2,250.00	2.250.00	-0-
Town Accountant, Expense	625.00			625.00	449.45	175.55
Treasurer, Salary	2,500.00			2,500.00	2,500.00	-0-
Treasurer, Expense	2,090.00			2,090.00	2,090.00	-0-
Collector, Salary	2,700.00			2,700.00	2,700.00	-0-
Collector, Expense	2,386.00			2,386.00	2,386.00	-0-
Assessors, Salaries	1,600.00			1,600.00	1,600.00	-0-
Assessors, Expense	5,900.00			5,900.00	4,688.49	1,211.51
Finance Committee	150.00			150.00	57.50	92.50
Town Clerk, Salary	1,200.00			1,200.00	1,200.00	-0-
Town Clerk, Expense	990.00			990.00	990.00	-0-
Law Account	1,200.00			1,200.00	862.50	337.50
Election and Registration	3,680.00	B	437.03	4,117.03	4,117.03	-0-
Planning Board	600.00			600.00	256.01	343.99
Board of Appeals	75.00			75.00	75.00	-0-
Industrial and Development Commission	100.00	B	6.25	106.25	106.25	-0-
Zoning By-Law Officer, Salary	400.00			400.00	400.00	-0-
Zoning By-Law Officer, Expense	200.00			200.00	45.34	154.66
Conservation Commission	150.00	A	260.00	410.00	25.00	385.00
Conservation Fund	100.00	A	100.00	200.00	-0-	200.00
Old Town Hall	1,739.00			1,739.00	1,706.72	32.28

Town Garage	1,650.00	B	500.00	2,150.00	1,854.58	295.42
PUBLIC SAFETY						
Police Department	27,000.00			27,000.00	26,958.78	41.22
Police Department, New Cruiser	2,200.00			2,200.00	1,882.00	318.00
Fire Department	4,500.00			4,500.00	4,488.86	11.14
Water Storage Holes	500.00			500.00	110.60	389.40
Hydrant Service	3,000.00			3,000.00	3,000.00	-0-
Insect Pest Control	800.00			800.00	799.40	.60
Dutch Elm Disease	1,300.00			1,300.00	1,299.50	.50
Tree Warden	2,000.00			2,000.00	1,999.00	1.00
Forest Fire Account	1,700.00	B	700.00	2,400.00	2,277.44	122.56
Inspector of Wiring	300.00			300.00	300.00	-0-
Sealing Weights & Measures	300.00			300.00	300.00	-0-
Dog Officer, Expense	250.00	B	50.00	300.00	300.00	-0-
Civil Defense, Salary	300.00			300.00	300.00	-0-
Civil Defense, Expense	700.00			700.00	605.00	95.00
HEALTH AND SANITATION						
Board of Health, Salaries	350.00			350.00	350.00	-0-
Board of Health, Expense	2,664.00	B	436.32	3,100.32	2,270.64	829.68
Sewer Commissioners, Salaries	650.00			650.00	650.00	-0-
Sewer Maintenance	8,500.00	A	5,592.99	14,092.00	7,580.99	6,512.04
Town Dump	1,343.00	B	600.00	1,943.00	1,631.83	311.17
HIGHWAYS						
Chapter 81	33,075.00	B	.44	33,075.44	33,075.44	-0-
Chapter 90 Construction	39,000.00	A	29,912.07	68,912.07	65,115.33	3,796.74
Chapter 90 Construction, Special	23,000.00			23,000.00	10,534.54	12,465.46
Chapter 90 Maintenance	15,000.00	C	4,000.00	19,000.00	18,999.86	.14
Chapter 616	6,000.00			6,000.00	5,688.73	311.27
Chapter 679	4,221.68	C	576.57	4,798.25	4,798.25	-0-
General	11,244.00	B	800.00	12,044.00	11,891.43	152.57

Winter Employment	6,000.00			6,000.00	4,782.74	1,217.26
Brushcutting	2,500.00			2,500.00	2,499.32	.68
Allen Street	1,200.00			1,200.00	1,200.00	-0-
Bardwell Street	1,200.00			1,200.00	1,199.47	.53
Gold Street	1,200.00			1,200.00	1,199.33	.67
Gulf Road	1,200.00			1,200.00	1,200.00	-0-
Orchard Street	1,200.00			1,200.00	1,149.60	50.40
Pine Street	1,200.00			1,200.00	1,113.79	86.21
Shaw Street	1,200.00			1,200.00	1,199.35	.65
South Street	600.00			600.00	543.86	56.14
Snow Removal	20,000.00			20,000.00	18,734.43	1,265.57
Bridges	3,217.00			3,217.00	3,129.15	87.85
Road Machinery Expense	7,000.00	B	442.97			
		C	4,000.00	11,442.97	10,662.14	780.83
Sidewalks	400.00			400.00	400.00	-0-
Sidewalks, Fuller Street		C	3,000.00	3,000.00	144.00	2,856.00
New Dump Truck	8,000.00			8,000.00	7,928.00	72.00
Street Lighting	8,213.00	B	10.00	8,223.00	8,233.00	-0-
CHARITIES AND VETERANS' BENEFITS						
Board of Public Welfare, Salaries	337.50			337.50	337.50	-0-
Public Assistance	46,800.00			46,800.00	30,234.64	16,565.36
Veterans' Agent, Salary	375.00			375.00	375.00	-0-
Veterans' Benefits	5,000.00			5,000.00	4,410.10	589.90
SCHOOLS AND LIBRARIES						
School Department						
#1000 Administration	26,275.00			26,275.00	25,948.21	326.79
#2000 Instruction	486,715.00			486,715.00	485,913.73	801.27
#3000 Other Services	78,015.00			78,015.00	76,411.48	1,603.52
#4000 Operation	89,602.00			89,602.00	85,885.45	3,716.55
#5000 Fixed Charges	78.00			78.00	64.00	14.00
#7000 Fixed Assets	1,570.00			1,570.00	1,570.00	-0-

#9000 Programs with other schools	20,640.00			20,640.00	18,013.05	2,626.95
New Junior-Senior High School		A	10,652.91	10,652.91	8,964.61	1,688.30
Pathfinder Regional Vocational School District		C	1,343.10	1,343.10	1,343.10	-0-
Vocational Regional School District Planning Committee		A	25.00	25.00	-0-	25.00
Clapp Memorial Library	5,006.11	A	50.07			
		C	1,296.50	6,352.68	6,345.02	7.66
RECREATION AND UNCLASSIFIED						
Town Common	400.00	B	300.00	700.00	524.29	175.71
Parsons Field	800.00			800.00	394.69	405.31
Summer Recreation	4,208.00			4,208.00	4,167.02	40.98
Parsons Field, New Field House Fund	500.00	A	1,353.53	1,853.53	-0-	1,853.53
Public Right of Way, Holland Pond		B	200.00	200.00	120.28	79.72
Unclassified Account	700.00	B	44.80	744.80	744.80	-0-
Printing Town Reports	1,000.00			1,000.00	1,000.00	-0-
Unpaid Bills of 1967	877.82			877.82	877.82	-0-
Town Clock	300.00	B	150.00	450.00	450.00	-0-
Patriotic Exercises	250.00			250.00	245.30	4.70
Insurance Account	18,737.33	C	3,000.00			
		E	197.00	21,934.33	21,497.41	436.92
Reserve Fund	5,000.00			5,000.00	4,464.16	535.84
Blue Cross - Blue Shield	8,929.00			8,929.00	8,456.72	472.28
Group Insurance	1,011.00			1,011.00	946.68	64.32
Pensions	12,982.62			12,982.62	12,982.62	-0-
CEMETERIES						
Cemetery Commissioners, Salaries	500.00			500.00	500.00	-0-
Cemetery Expense	5,580.00	A	1,124.53			
		D	1,601.62	8,311.15	6,904.06	1,407.09
Veterans' Graves	200.00			200.00	144.00	56.00

INTEREST AND MATURING DEBT

Interest	29,572.61	B	192.52	29,756.13	29,765.13	-0-
Maturing Debt	86,250.00			86,250.00	86,250.00	-0-

A Balance carried forward from 1967
B Transfer from Reserve Fund
C Special Town Meeting
D From Interest of Trust
E Adjustment of Insurance Premium

Trust and Investment Funds

Cash and securities in custody of the Treasurer	$109,254.79

In custody of Treasurer:

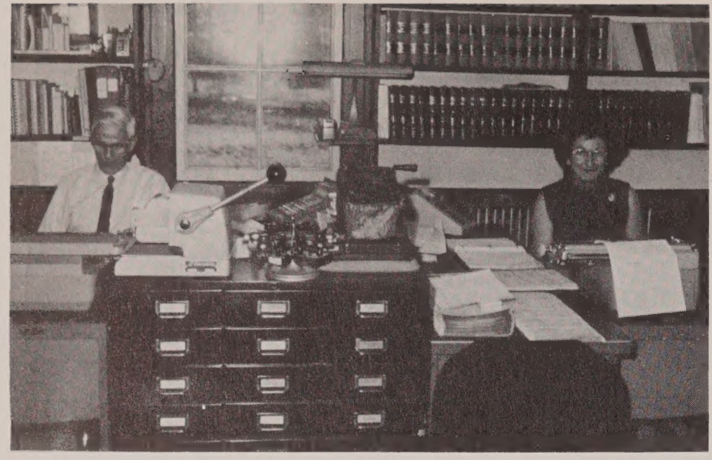
Cemetery Perpetual Care	$ 36,645.33
Stabilization Fund	33,124.58
Susan M. D. Bridgman Cemetery Fund	657.35
Nellie E. Brown Cemetery Fund	1,159.64
Calvin Bridgman Library Fund	4,399.59
George D. Longley Music Fund	2,108.07
Calvin Bridgman High School Fund	6,427.11
Whiting Street Poor Fund	12,434.23
Susan M. D. Bridgman Poor Fund	10,075.02
Willard Stebbins Cemetery Fund	1,870.67
Vianne E. Somes Cemetery Fund	353.20
	$109,254.79

Debt Account --- 1968

	Loan Issued	Rate	Outstanding Dec. 31, 1967	Paid in 1968	Due in 1969
Sewer Construction Loan	1949	2.5	9,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
School Building Loan	1951	2.1	55,000.00	11,000.00	11,000.00
School Building Loan	1952	2.1	40,000.00	8,000.00	8,000.00
New Junior-Senior High School Loan	1963	3.1	730,000.00	50,000.00	50,000.00
New Junior-Senior High School Loan	1963	3.0	20,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00

Debt Statement --- 1968

NET FUNDED OF FIXED DEBT:		
Inside the Debt Limit - General	$ 39,000.00	
Outside the Debt Limit	734,000.00	
	$773,000.00	
SERIAL LOANS:		
Inside the Debt Limit		
Sewer Loans of 1949		$ 7,000.00
School Building Loan - Acts of 1949		32,000.00
		$39,000.00
Outside the Debt Limit		
School Building Loan of 1952		$ 44,000.00
New Junior-Senior High School		680,000.00
School Building Loan of 1963		10,000.00
		$734,000.00



Robert D. Camp, Sr.   Mrs. Margaret S. Kirby

Report of Tax and Town Collec

1966 Real Estate Tax	Outstanding 1/1/68		1,871.4
	Collected	1,852.97	
	Abated	7.40	
	Tax Titles	11.10	
	Outstanding 12/31/68	None	
		1,871.47	1,871.4
1967 Real Estate Tax	Outstanding 1/1/68		32,731.3
	Refunded		128.0
	Collected	31,936.30	
	Abated	328.00	
	Tax Titles	595.00	
	Outstanding 12/31/68	None	
		32,859.30	32,859.3
1968 Real Estate Tax	Committed for collection		667,252.0
	Refunded		4,622.1
	Collected	610,420.22	
	Abated	31,520.20	
	Tax Titles	2,382.10	
	Outstanding 12/31/68	27,551.63	
		671,874.15	671,874.1
1965 Personal Property Tax	Paid after abatement		19.
	Collected	19.50	
		19.50	19.

6 Personal Property Tax	Outstanding 1/1/68		238.65
	Paid after abatement		18.50
	Collected	62.90	
	Abated	194.25	
	Outstanding 12/31/68	None	
		257.15	257.15
7 Personal Property Tax	Outstanding 1/1/68		4,156.00
	Collected	4,038.00	
	Abated	112.00	
	Outstanding 12/31/68	6.00	
		4,156.00	4,156.00
8 Personal Property Tax	Committed for collection		47,262.75
	Refunded		41.00
	Collected	44,403.00	
	Abated	6.15	
	Outstanding 12/31/68	2,894.60	
		47,303.75	47,303.75
7 Farm Animal Excise	Outstanding 1/1/68		121.75
	Collected	121.75	
	Outstanding 12/31 68	None	
		121.75	121.75
8 Farm Animal Excise	Committed for collection		1,343.23
	Refunded		72.75
	Collected	924.45	
	Abated	371.75	
	Outstanding 12/31/68	119.78	
		1,415.98	1,415.98
4 Motor Vehicle Excise	Payment after abatement		72.88
	Collected	72.88	
		72.88	72.88
5 Motor Vehicle Excise	Outstanding 1/1/68		28.60
	Payment after abatment		75.90
	Refunded		11.20
	Collected	75.90	
	Abated	28.60	
	Audit adjustment	11.20	
		115.70	115.70

1966 Motor Vehicle Excise	Outstanding 1/1/68		715.4
	Audit adjustment		.3
	Paid after abatement		14.8
	Collected	68.75	
	Abated	374.99	
	Audit adjustment	28.87	
	Outstanding 12/31/68	257.96	
		730.57	730.5
1967 Motor Vehicle Excise	Outstanding 1/1/68		4,471.5
	Committed for collection during 1968		6,270.6
	Refunds		1,278.6
	Audit adjustment		28.9
	Collected	8,484.58	
	Abated	2,631.41	
	Outstanding 12/31/68	933.88	
		12,049.87	12,049.8
1968 Motor Vehicle Excise	Commited for collection		96,620.2
	Refunds		4,181.8
	Collected	86,770.42	
	Abated	7,431.85	
	Outstanding 12/31/68	6,599.79	
		100,802.06	100,802.0
1968 Sewer Betterment (Appor.)	Committed for collection		33.7
	Collected	33.74	
	Outstanding 12/31/68	None	
		33.74	33.7
1968 Committed Interest (Sewer Appor.)	Committed for collection		2.7
	Collected	2.70	
	Outstanding 12/31/68	None	
		2.70	2.7
1963 Sewer Charges	Outstanding 1/1/68		15.0
	Abated	15.00	
	Outstanding 12/31/68	None	
		15.00	15.0
1965 Sewer Charges	Outstanding 1/1/68		30.0

	Abated	30.00	
	Outstanding 12/31/68	None	
		30.00	30.00
6 Sewer Charges	Outstanding 1/1/68		108.45
	Collected	18.45	
	Outstanding 12/31/68	90.00	
		108.45	108.45
7 Sewer Charges	Outstanding 1/1/68		274.41
	Collected	156.55	
	Outstanding 12/31/68	117.86	
		274.41	274.41
8 Sewer Charges	Committed for collection		5,689.51
	Refunded		61.01
	Collected	5,233.69	
	Abated	32.78	
	Outstanding 12/31/68	484.05	
		5,750.52	5,750.52
c. Accounts Receivable			
	Outstanding 1/1/68		301.50
	Committed for collection		2,646.50
	Collected	726.50	
	Abated	185.00	
	Outstanding 12/31/68	2,036.50	
		2,948.00	2,948.00

Collected During 1968

es, excises, sewer charges, betterments, Comm. Interest & Misc.	$795,432.25
nand and warrant fees	1,093.00
rest on all above stated items	1,526.89
al amount paid to town treasurer	$798,043.14

Respectfully submitted,

Robert D. Camp, Sr.
Tax and Town Collector

Town Clerk Report

Sales and Filing Fees

Receipts	No.	Amount
Sporting licenses (gross)	615	$3319.25
Dog licenses (gross)	749	2155.00
B-M-D certified copies	182	181.50
U. C. C. and Terminations (Mortgages)	270	713.00
Marriage intentions	67	134.00
Pole location orders	9	36.00
Registration of business	3	3.00
Registration & license of storage etc. (Fuels)	28	14.50
Federal Liens & discharges	4	12.00
Sale of town maps	91	44.30
Declaration of trust & discharge of	2	6.00
Totals	2020	$6618.55

Expenditures	To	Amou
Sporting licenses (net)	Div.	$3176.
Sporting license fees	Town	142.
Dog licenses (net)	County	1967.
Dog license fees	Town	187.
B M D Copies	Town	181.
UCC & Terminations	Town	713.
Marriage intentions	Town	134.
Pole location orders	Town	36.
Registration of business	Town	3.
Registration & license to store	Town	14.
Federal liens & discharges	Town	12.
Sale of town maps	Town	44.
Declaration of trust & discharge	Town	6.
Totals		$6618.

Attest: Robert D. Camp,
Town Clerk

Report of vital statistics

Births

Place	Boys	Girls	Total
Northampton	16	6	22
Ware	6	7	13
Holyoke	8	3	11
Springfield	3	2	5
Chicopee	2	1	3
Athol	1	0	1
Brookline	1	0	1
Palmer	1	0	1
Totals	38	19	57

Marriages

	Male	Female	Total
Resident	42	40	82
Non-resident	33	35	68
Totals	75	75	150

Married at	Number
Belchertown	34
Out of Town	40
Out of State	1
	75

Marriage intentions filed at Belchertown

Deaths

Males 34 Females 30

Total 64

Place of death	Num
Belchertown	
Holyoke	
Palmer	
Ware	
Northampton	
Amherst	
Boston	
Ludlow	
Medfield	
Springfield	
Westborough	
West Brookfield	
Total	

Resident

Non-resident

Respectfully submit

Robert D. Camp, S

Town Clerk

Report of Town Treasurer

sh in treasury Jan. 1, 1968 - - - - - - - $	262,640.06	
ceipts during 1968 - - - - - -	1,873,633.18	
		$ 2,136,273.24
penditures authorized by Warrant 1968 -	1,872,256.04	
sh in treasury Dec. 31, 1968 - - - - - -	264,017.20	
		$ 2,136,273.24
ome from savings deposits, exclusive of trust funds		$ 1,830.77

Cash borrowed during 1968. (Discounted short term notes)

e No.	Dated	Amount	Due	Rate	Interest
51	4-8-68	150,000.00	11-15-68	3.2%	2746.60
52	8-12-68	150,000.00	12-2-68	3.1%	1445.92
Total borrowed		$300,000.00	at a cost of	$4,192.52	

ring 1968 the town employed 359 persons, most of whom were part time or emergency ployees, wages paid less payroll deductions of Federal, and State taxes, County and te Retirement, Blue Cross-Blue Shield and Group Life Insurance are as follows:

Gross wages - - - - - - -	$ 685,764.72
Less payroll deductions	148,458.14
Paid to employees - - -	$ 537,306.58

Trust Funds Report

nd	1-1-68	W'drn.	Interest	Dep.	12-31-68
orge D. Longley (Music)	2736.36	734.85	106.52	--------	2108.07
vin Bridgman (High Sch.)	7705.43	1625.00	346.68	----	6427.11
vin Bridgman (Library)	4210.17	---	189.42	---	4399.59
I D Bridgman (Cem. Mt. Hope)	629.06	---	28.29	---	657.35
I D Bridgman (Poor Fund)	6291.94	---	283.08	---	6575.02
iting Street (Poor Fund)	12374.42	482.77	542.58	---	12434.23
lard Stebbins (Cem.)	1790.14	---	80.53	---	1870.67
E. Brown (Mt. Hope Cem.)	1129.28	20.00	50.36	---	1159.64
metery Perpetual Care	36186.60	1601.62	1596.85	463.50	36645.33
Vienna Somes (Mt. Hope Cem.)	338.00	---	15.20	---	353.20
bilization Fund	16923.83	---	1200.75	15000.00	33124.58
Totals	$ 90315.23	4464.24	4440.30	15463.50	105754.79

Respectfully submitted,

Robert D. Camp, Sr.
Town Treasurer

Persons Drawn for Jury Service During 1968

March 5, 1968

Stanford J. Harrington
Catherine S. Chadbourne

March 25, 1968

Louise Wadsworth
Charles W. Jackson
Ralph C. Brougham
Bruce Dean Lucia
Albert G. Parmenter
Harold P. Cook
Doris A. Grover
Margit V. Nelson
Frederick E. Panzer
Adelino Ribeiro
Louis J. Austin
Robert Armstrong

April 15, 1968

Leslie W. Murphy
Russell E. Robinson

July 1, 1968

Irene Orlando
William N. McHaffie
Harvey R. Plant
Francis E. Goodrow
Ralph R. Trombly
Donald Cole

August 12, 1968

Roy F. Whidden
James S. Tucker

October 21, 1968

Kenneth R. Brown
Joseph J. Yanginski

Jury List 1968 - 1969

Male

Name	Address
Aldrich, William E.	Federal Street
Bleau, Henry R.	Federal Street
Bodzinski, Thaddeus O.	Three Rivers Road
Bonafini, James A., Sr.	Franklin Street
Brougham, Ralph C.	Jabish Street
Brown, Kenneth R.	North Washington Street
Cartelli, Anthony D.	North Main Street
Cook, John C.	Mill Valley Road
Daigle, Louis	Federal Street
Davin, James E., Jr.	Orchard Street
Drew, Alfred C., Jr.	North Main Street
Forgette, Roland E.	Warner Road
Forgue, Michael P.	Old Pelham Road
Gagne, V. James	Federal Street
Gould, Sherman L.	North Washington Street
Hawkins, Kenneth B.	Ware Road
Hayward, James F.	Federal Street
Horta, Ramon H.	Ludlow Road
Hubler, Miles J.	Amherst Road
Hulmes, Jack	Old Enfield Road
Jenks, Kenneth O.	Amherst Road
Kelly, Daniel J.	Mill Valley Road

Knight, Howard W.	Everett Avenue
Lacey, William J., Jr.	State Street
Lindsey, George J.	State Street
Locke, Milton R.	Old Enfield Road
Loftus, Francis, Jr.	South Washington Street
Malmstedt, William R., Sr.	South Washington Street
Mathras, Michael S.	East Walnut Street
McCallum, Earl G.	Bay Road
McGowan, John W.	South Libert Street
Meiklejohn, Thomas L.	Gulf Road
Monette, Richard E.	State Street
Morey, Robert C.	North Washington Street
Noel, Wilfred L.	Maple Street
Nolan, James F.	Warner Road
Owens, Frederick F.	South Washington Street
Pepe, Edward L.	South Washington Street
Reece, Roy, Jr.	Mill Valley Road
Riedel, Robert W.	Mill Valley Road
Ross, Alexander F., Jr.	Boardman Road
Samson, Harvey A.	North Main Street
Scott, John R.	Federal Street
Smith, Claude E.	North Washington Street
Scott, John R.	Federal Street
Smith, Claude E.	North Washington Street
Tongren, Paul V.	North Main Street
Tucker, James S.	Mill Valley Road
Whidden, Roy F.	Bay Road
Whitcomb, Harlan	North Washington Street
Willey, Harold W.	North Main Street
Wood, Walter F.	South Washington Street
Yanginski, Joseph J.	Springfield Road

Female

Bullough, Constance C.	State Street
Camp, Edna	Jackson Street
Goodrich, Virginia C.	Warren Wright Road
Jeger, Frances E.	State Street
Lambert, Madeline O.	South Main Street
Pratt, Anne E.	Daniel Shays Highway
Smith, Amanda	Federal Street
Terry, Barbara	Turkey Hill Road
Tolpa, Eleanor	Federal Street

Assessor's Report

Harold B. Ketchen
William F. Kimball, Jr.
Isaac A. Hodgen
Mrs. Jessie C. Gay

Statement of how Taxes were raised.

Total appropriations to be raised by taxation			1,114,251.55	
Total appropriations voted to be taken from available funds			123,779.99	1,238,031
Deficits due to abatements in excess of overlay of prior years				6,069
School Lunch Program	6790.27			
Public Library	1296.50			8,086
Snow removal overdraught				2,054
County Tax and Assessments:				
County Tax		30,443.80		
County Hospital		2,592.86		33,036
State Tax and Assessments:				
State Recreation Areas		3,209.94	812.56 (underestimate	
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax Bills		468.60		
State Assessment System		230.32		
		3,908.86	812.56	4,721
Overlay of current year				34,912
Gross Amount to be Raised				1,326,913
Estimated Receipts and Available Funds:				
1968 Estimated Receipts from the Local Aid and Agency Funds			362,876.28	
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise			87,200.00	
Licenses			3,265.00	
Fines			2,305.67	
Special Assessments			5,599.10	
General Government			2,724.40	
Protection of Persons and Property			355.46	

ealth and Sanitation		113.00
emeteries (other than Trust Funds & Sale of Lots)		790.00
terest: On Taxes and Assessments	2,277.44	
on Deposit	2,070.70	4,348.14
arm Animal, Machinery and Equipment Excise		931.45
Total Estimated Receipts		470,508.50
verestimates		1,208.47

mounts voted to be taken from available funds

,827.27	12/11/67	Free Cash	
,000.00	3/11/68	Free Cash to reduce rate	
,000.00	3/11/68	Road Machinery Fund	
,325.00	3/11/68	Free Cash	
,221.68	3/11/68	Chap. 679 Acts of 1965	
,000.00	3/11/68	Chap. 616 Acts of 1967	
,166.44	3/11/68	All others	
,296.50	5/13/68	Library Fund	
,943.10	5/13/68	Free Cash	140,779.99
		Total Available Funds	141,988.46

612,496.96

714,416.38

Net Amount to be Raised by Taxation on Property

tal Personal Property	1,152,750.00	47,262.75	Tax on Personal Property
luation: Real Estate	16,272,040.00	667,153.63	Tax on Real Estate
Total	17,424,790.00		
Tax Rate $41.00			

Total Taxes Levied on Property 714,416.38

e following Abatements were processed during 1968.

otor Vehicles	302	$7422.85
rsonal Property	15	377.90
al Estate Regular	36	1970.40
al Estate Over 70	81	25725.80
eterans	47	3993.40

e Board received 214 photostatic copies of Real Estate transfers and 70 building rmits valued at $428,435.00. The Board has worked hard to keep this work up to te. All new and incomplete houses have been visited and appraised. Many of the al Estate transfers have to be investigated so that changes will be properly made. ere is still some more work to be done on equilization but we have made some pro- ess.

has been a very quiet year, few complaints and fine cooperation, and we wish to nk the many people involved.

sessors office is open 1 to 4 p.m. daily, Monday through Friday and public records available to the taxpayers. Regular meetings of the Board are on the 1st and Mondays of each month from 7:30 to 9:00 P.M.

Annual Report of the Superintender of Streets and Selectman's Liaison to the Highway Department

The Highway Department has had a ieavy work-load this year and has nade very favorable progress in road mprovements, among the most obvious being the completion of Stebbins Street construction, the large portion of reconstruction on Route 181, and he new East Street construction to he State Fish Hatchery. All this work was done to Chapter 90 standards. This work was in addition to our usual iew surfacing of streets and Chapter 81 and 90 maintenance programs. We eel that many of these programs are he fruit of a general spirit of cooperation between the Highway Department and the Board of Selectmen, between he Selectmen and the voters and taxpayers, and between our town and the Department of Public Works. The spirit of "get a program", and "get t done" has gone far to make this a successful year.

Under our Chapter 81 maintenance program, because of a relatively easy winter in the early part of the year, and an early spring, we spent a portion of this account usually reserved or snow removal for gravelling. The prolonged spring produced unusual nud conditions in some areas of town. More attention was paid to gravelling han in previous years due to this condition. Roughly one-third of this appropriation was spent to re-seal existing hard surfaces with oil and stone. Most of these oil and stone surfaces have a life expectancy of five to seven years before they need resealing. This is a continuing program with a portion of the roads being done each year. If these roads are not resealed when needed, potholes develop and money saved on seal is spent on patch. In 1968 we are still working on an allotment formula set up twenty years ago.

Our Chapter 90 maintenance program ran into a snag on the resurfacing of Route 181. Our program proved much too large for the funds available, and the partially completed project was stopped just short of overspending the the appropriation. The amounts of material needed to reshape the road to modern standards far exceeded the estimates. An additional sum of money was requested to complete other maintenance projects. All things turned out well though. After conferring with the D. P. W., it was decided to make this road a Chapter 90 re-construction project. Due to the fact that the Bay Road project would not be ready for construction this year, the money already appropriated was re-applied to Route 181. An additional $30,000.00 was made available for surface and instead of only one mile being completed, over one-half of the total mileage was surfaced. The 1969 appropriation should complete this project and start the Bay Road project.

Each year the town appropriates ums of money for improvements on arious streets, all school bus or ıail routes. Nearly every year, one r two streets are completed and new nes added. This year we have droppd Gulf Road and South Street from ur list and taken Daniel Square and Iichael Sears Road as new projects. 'his has been a very successful proram and we would like to see its ontinuance.

Due to additional unexpected work his year, our Highways General acount was not taxed as heavily to pay or wages and more money could be iverted towards materials. Surfacng of a portion of Howard Street, erm on Jackson Street, and part of the cost of the new surface on the sidewalk along Main Street was taken from this account. These are only a few of the larger items. These are all permanent improvements and in cases prevented an article in the town meeting warrant.

In closing, we would like to recognize the services of Mr. Joseph Kulig who retired in September after seventeen years as Highway Superintendant. We will not know until 1985 whether his successor, Mr. Albert Lepage, will be as durable.

In spite of generally rising costs, it is our hope to keep our budget in line and still provide the demanded services and improvements.

Report of Tree Warden & Local Supt. of Insect Pest Control

I herewith submit my report for 1968, s Tree Warden and Local Superinendant of Insect Pest Control.

Tree Warden: This department did he usual amount of trimming low, lead, and dangerous limbs, removal of thirty trees, and planted twenty Rock Maple Trees, in various secions of town.

Dutch Elm Disease Dept: There were thirty-five Elm Trees sampled for Dutch Elm Disease. Of these, thirtythree were removed.

Insect Pest Control Dept: The Elm Trees were sprayed twice with Methoxychlor. Parts of The State Highway were sprayed once to protect town trees. Other trees were sprayed about town for Tree Pests.

Dog Officer Report

Gentlemen:

I hereby submit my report as Dog Officer.

Picked up and destroyed 90 stray dogs.

Picked up and buried 23 dogs hit by cars.

Went on 21 investigations.

Found owners of 30 dogs.

With the new leash law in effect I spent considerable time trying to enforce same. Also, with the new system of collecting the dog taxes.

Report of Zoning By Law Enforcement Officer

During the year a total of 70 Building Permits were issued. 44 Permits were issued by the Town Secretary and 26 by the Building Inspector for an estimated valuation of $466,635.00. A total of 6 Demolition permits were issued. Numerous Zoning violations were looked into and acted upon.

Police Department
Ernest M. Gay, Chief of Poli

ERNEST M. GAY
CHIEF OF POLICE

I hereby submit my annual report for the Police Department of the Town of Belchertown, for 1968. Following are listed the offenses prosecuted in the District Court of Northampton by this department during the year 1968:

Larceny	3
Assault & Battery	7
Incest	1
Breaking & Entering in Night Time	2
Non-support of Illegitmate Child	2
Neglect of Wife & Minor Child	4
Malicious Injury to Real Property	1
Unlicensed dogs	14
Fugitive from Justice	1
Disturbing the peace	1
Failing to stop for Police Officer	1
Giving false name to Police Officer	1
Drunkenness	11
Operating under Influence	7
Impeded operation	1
Obstructed view	11
Operating after suspension of lic.	8
Juvenile Cases	11
No plates displayed	1
No Insurance	5
Leaving the scene of accident	3
Liquor in M. V. being minor	2
Driving within 300' of Fire apparatus	1
Following too close	1
Town by-laws Junk Cars	2
Stop sign violations	60
Failing to keep to right	20
No lights	1
Illegal loaning of license	1
Sticker violation	17
Endangering	8
Allowing improper person to operate	2
No uniform signal	1
Failing to yield right of way	1
No license in possession	17
Speeding	32
	243
Total offenses	505

State agencies had a total of 77 offenses not listed above, which made a total of 582 offenses issued in the Northampton District Court.

202 Traffic accidents were reported and investigated during 1968 which is 45 less than in 1967. There was one fatal accident in 1968 whereas there were 2 fatal accidents in 1967. This drop in accidents should be an encour agement to us. This department has answered 843 complaints. We receive and deliver emergency messages to people having no telephone.

99 Pistol permits were issued. Eac new applicant must be finger-printed. 5 Dealers licenses were issued in tow The new gun registration law require the registration of persons owning firearms. 510 I. D. cards were issue and over $1000. turned over to the town clerk.

The ambulance continues to be a real sset to the townspeople who find a eed for it in times of emergencies. 1968 there were 93 trips made to d from hospitals and nursing homes the area. The ambulance is to be ed for emergencies or at the request a doctor. The reason for this is to sure the patient that they will be cepted at the hospital or nursing me. When the ambulance is request- it requires two men. These men e holders of an American National ed Cross certificate which states ey have completed the advanced urse of instruction in first aid to the jured. This course is taken every 3 ars and was taken this year. Police ficers are on call at all times for nergency ambulance calls. They are ten called from their jobs to do this rvice. I take this opportunity to ank each one for being available and swering so quickly to these emer- ncies.

The Belchertown police force con- sts of chief, deputy chief, two police omen, and 13 patrolmen. All of these e part-time with the exception of e chief who has been full-time since ne 1st. We now have a police station cated in the basement of the Lawrence emorial Hall. It is across from the sessors office. We have telephone verage from 9 to 5 weekdays by lice woman Johnson. This is a great lp to me and the town. We also have e emergency telephone connected th the M.D.C. police so that when eded they are able to answer this one. Before 9 o'clock and after 5 e telephone is still the responsibility the chief, even though his work urs are varied. It will be much sier when the town can add more ll-time help to this department. At e present time the chief's salary is st under $129. a week. The Chief's ties besides being responsible for e telephone takes him to court on the average of at least two mornings a week. This plus the many calls, accidents and paper work that is done takes much more than the required 44 hour week. He attended a one day seminar in Boston on police procedure. He was able to have Sgt. Ashe of the Northampton State Police barracks give a refresher course to the men in the department on routine police procedure.

A first aid course was also made available to the police and firemen for emergency ambulance cases. Twenty-two men participated in this. Two police officers went to Northampton state hospital to a drug seminar. It is hoped that more training will be available in the coming year for all interested officers.

Keeping the law is the fulltime responsibility of each one of us. We show our interest in keeping the law by the way we act. All of us can help the police if we will remember that our personal attitude towards the law is felt by those we talk with and this is especially true with the children. Our attitude and actions speak very loud to our children, and many of them are watching us to see if we say one thing and do another. How do we feel towards law officers? Do we act any different or drive any different if one is around? Do we double park where we shouldn't? Are we speeding? Do we stop for all stop signs? We all need to encourage law enforcement. Are we? Sgt. Spofford of the Northampton State Police was invited to speak to a men's club in town. Sheriff Boyle talked to the High School students. This is a start in showing our interest in the law.

This past year the police department has checked 285 vacationist's homes and in checking homes, town buildings, stores and gas stations and other businesses we have found 495 doors and windows open or unlocked. Only you can correct this.

As in the past years I want to take this opportunity to thank all of the Police Departments in the surrounding towns, the Metropolitan District Comm., the State Police, the Registry of Motor Vehicles, the District Court officials, Sheriff Boyle and our local Fire Chief for the help and cooperation which they have given to me and the department.

My sincere thanks to all the townspeople who have cooperated with this department during the year.

Fire Department

Louis E. Fuller, Fire Chief

Following is my report as Fire Chief and Forest Fire Warden for the year 1968.

The department responded to a total of 88 calls during the year 1968. Of these, 23 involved buildings, 54 Brush and grass, 7 Vehicles, and 4 false alarms.

Total loss to buildings was $80,300, and to contents $4750.00.

Total miles traveled to and from fires was 389.

Many of the members renewed their red cross certificates by completing a refresher course.

All the vehicles have again been completely inspected and necessary repairs have been made by a qualified fire equipment mechanic.

The entire department was saddened by the death of Captain Kenneth F. Bristol on Dec. 21, 1968. Although the last few years of Captain Bristol's life were spent in Athol, he remained interested in our department always, and continued to be of great help to us.

We participated in Granby's muster and bicentenial parade this summer.

Our annual supper was again very successful, thanks to the excellent continued support of the town people.

I would again like to extend my thanks to the police Chief for this continued fine cooperation, and to the telephon operators at The State School whose unseen efforts are the very heart of our alerting system.

Member List --- Belchertown Fire Department

Louis E. Fuller - Chief
Carl J. Peterson - Deputy Chief
William Squires - Deputy Chief
Isaac Hodgen - Captain
Donald Bock - Lieutenant
Sherman Gould - Lieutenant
Raymond Menard - Lieutenant
Elwyn Bock
Lawrence Bowser, Jr.
Harry Brougham
Joseph Chadbourne
Albert Dewhurst
Edward L. Fuller
Edward Gates
Royal Gay
Irving Hislop
David Hodgen
Hugh Hubbard, Jr.
Samuel Joyal
Joseph Kempkes, Jr.
Richard Knight
Harold Peck
Carl E. Peterson
Floyd R. Peeso
Paige Piper
Roy Reece, Jr.
Loren Shumway
Louis A. Shumway
Robert Smith
Herbert Wood

Honorary Members

Milton Baggs
Mike Oberly
Roy Shaw
David Staples
Fred Lincoln
J. Raymond Goul
Lincoln Cook

Deputy Forest Wardens

Joseph Kempkes, Jr.
Carl J. Peterson
Ernest M. Gay
William Squire
Donald Bock
Harold Mellin

B. S. S. Operators

zel Charles
th Neville
ne Conklin
Marguerite Mumford
Nancy Corthell
Betty Levitt

eport of the Committee to vestigate Water and Sewer cilities in the South Part of Town

This Committee was formed by ion of a Special Town Meeting held tober 21, 1968.

The Bondsville Mill fire of October 1968, once again illustrated the blems confronting the residents the Swift River area in the South t of Belchertown, the principal blems being: low water pressure, er contamination (sewage), and dequate hydrant service.

The Bondsville Water Company ivately owned) presently supplies ter to residents in this locale, in- ding 45 families residing in Bel- town.

The present water pressure is dequate for normal household pur- es. `The insufficient number of hydrants constitute a major fire ard. This latter factor plus river lution was evident during and as aftermath of the Bondsville fire.

This Committee conducted a vey of the property owners of the a. Results indicated a strong sire for improved facilities and tection.

Numerous meetings were held h the Palmer Board of Selectmen, presentatives of the Bondsville e District Study Committee, and federal agency, HUD (Housing Urban Development), to discuss problems and determine possible rses of action.

The Town of Palmer (Bondsville strict) has been designated a aster area, thus rendering it eligible public assistance. However, the a of Belchertown concerned, separated from Bondsville by Swift River boundary, does not come under the designation.

The Bondsville Fire District has pending legislation to authorize the acquisition of the Bondsville Water Company and has made application for federal assistance for this purpose. If this action is fulfilled we have alternate courses to explore: 1. To join the Bondsville Fire and Water District, or 2. to purchase water service from that district under a program expanded to eliminate the present deficiencies.

Futher, the Town of Palmer is in the planning stage of building a sewage disposal plant. The south Belchertown area may thus have available a proper sewage disposal system on a sewage rental basis. This has been discussed with the Palmer Selectmen and this committee has found them tentatively agreeable to such an agreement.

This is submitted as a report of progress inasmuch as final outcomes and decisions are contingent upon engineering studies, legislative process, and approval of federal assistance programs. This is a long range program and it is recommended that this committee be empowered to continue until the annual Town Meeting of 1970.

We have not incurred any expense or made any commitment on the part of this community and are not authorized to do so without further authority from the town.

War Memorial Committee

During the year an additional name plate has been installed on the Korea placque of the War Memorial.

The Committee has met, and now have under consideration, plans for recognition of those whose service in the Armed Forces, included duty in combatant areas around the world since the Korean action.

Parks and Recreation

This years program of summer recreation proved to be quite satisfactory. Our director, Dick Meyer, a Recreation Major at the University of Massachusetts, did an excellent job of directing playground activities. With the help of high school students, Dee Dee Hull, Barry Boswoth, he had daily programs of games and Arts and Crafts at the athletic field behind the high school. This particular program ran for 8 weeks during July and August.

A very successful baseball program was presented with the help of members of the Lions Club who gave freely of their time as coaches for the boys. Games were held almost every night of the week, utilizing the two diamonds at Parson's Field for the younger boys, and the high school diamond for the older boys. The committee wishes to thank the Lions Club for donating equipment and personnel for this program.

The town beach was opened in late June with a life guard on duty from 12 -5 P. M. Later in the summer we had to add a life guard for the evening hours due to the heavy use of the beach during these hours. Our regular life guard, John Curry, was ably assisted in these duties by Dick Meyer. Swimming lessons were started in early July. This program drew more youngsters than ever, with some 150 pupils taking lessons. We were very fortunate to have the services of Miss Laur Cooke, another University of Massachusetts Recreation Major, as our Swimming instructor. She did an excellent job. We also wish to thank Miss Janie Robinson, A BHS student who helped Miss Cooke with the swimming program. Janie spent many hours at the beach, and all as a volunteer.

A new well, pump and larger water tank were installed at the beach, all the work being completed before the opening of the beach for the summer, and again, we thank the Lions Club for their financial as well as voluntee help in this project.

The BUSY group had their refreshment stand at the beach, and they also put on another Aqua-Lua-Rama, bigge and better than last year.

In September we opened the Old Tow Hall as a Teen Drop-In-Center. While this project had its ups and downs, we feel it is a worthwhile program and hope to be able to work out a better program in the future. We would like to thank the women who volunteered so many hours as chaperones. This kind of volunteer work is particularly difficult as its gets to be a hardship o those few who serve.

We opened the hall evenings and Saturday afternoons for the youngsters by hiring a young college student, Rusty Joyal, as supervisor. This allowed the youngsters to play basketball, and Rusty did a good job of maintaining order and seeing that no dama was done.

We hope, in the near future, to be able to hire personnel to supervise th center on a more regular basis. We also plan to run more dances, with proper supervision. We are learning fast that you can't do EVERYTHING with volunteer help. There just aren't that many available.

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ervision were maintained on a reg-
r basis. We hope to do some work
he baseball diamonds next spring,
new front doors on the Old Town
l, and to provide a better summer
gram by placing our playground
ndants in different parts of town
hat more youngsters can attend
programs.
gain we wish to thank all individuals
organizations not previously men-
ed, for all their assistance in
ping us with this program.

ver Commissioner's Report

uring the year ten connections were
de to the system, nine of which were
ly installed. This makes a total
72 services, plus our schools and
lic buildings. The resultant sewer-
flows at the new Sewerage Treat-
nt Plant at the State School amount-
o 97,163,003 gallons. 52.34 per
t was from the Town and 47.66 per
t from the State School. The mod-
and excellent processing of the
erage at this plant is most pleas-

ne meters at #1 and #2 meter hous-
vere serviced and kept in good re-
. Several manhole frames and
ers were raised to grade for re-
facing along Route 181 in coopera-
with the Highway Department.
wer blockages were promptly ser-
ed. Root growth in the system con-
es to be our biggest problem. Sev-
l different brands of root killing
itives have been tried and will con-
e in the hope of controlling these
ts. Several areas of our sewer
ns were flushed for preventative
ntenance purposes.
e again express appreciation to the
e School, Town Officials and res-
nts for their cooperation throughout
year.

Conservation

During the past year booklets containing an "INVENTORY OF SITES WITH NATURAL RESOURCE POTENTIALS" (Phase I Studies) for the town was received and distribution made to the library, schools, and town offices. This report was prepared by the Natural Resources Technical Team of Hampshire County in cooperation with the Hampshire Conservation District.

Public notice was printed in the "Sentinel" that these booklets were available to the townspeople--to date only three residents have picked up these booklets. We cannot believe that so few people are interested in conservation in the town. These booklets are still available by contacting the commission chairman.

An agreement between the town Conservation Commission and the Soil Conservation Service, U. S. Dept. of Agriculture was entered into in July to provide the town with a general soil report of the town. It is anticipated that this report will be received on or about March 31, 1969.

Food for thought - will Belchertown always have the woodlands, streams, and scenic views it now has? It is up to you. Can the town now or in the future make available and expend a few thousand dollars to assure this through land acquisition?

Belchertown - Granby Welfare District Report --- Treasurer

Cash on hand, Jan. 1, 1968		$ 6,701.48
Receipts		
Federal	8,136.83	
State	6,302.46	
Granby	102.19	
Misc.	2,481.74	17,023.22
		$23,724.70
Expenditures		$15,573.45
Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1968		8,151.25
		$23,724.70

The treasurer has been notified by the Commonwealth to the effect that the balance as shown, will remain at this office, until the proper authority directs a payment to another agency.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert D. Camp, Sr.
District Treasurer

Belchertown - Granby Welfare District Report

The Belchertown-Granby Welfare District reports herewith on the activities for 1968, the sixteenth year in which it has administered the various welfare programs for Belchertown and Granby.

In accordance with Chapter 658 of the Acts of 1967, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts assumed the financial and administrative responsibility for all welfare programs as of July 1, 1968. At the present time, plans appear to be indefinite as how soon the Belchertown Welfare Office will be transferred to the South Hadley Falls Office, possibly by July 1, 1969.

Franis P. Loftus

Annual Report of the Cemetery Commission

On March 28, 1968 the Cemetery Commission met and elected the following officers: Chairman - Edward L. Fuller; Clerk - Roy P. Reece, Jr. Edmond Blaine is the third member.

In 1968 we experienced a very busy and active year. In the Spring, we completed the black-topping of the main road-ways in Mt. Hope Cemetery. All fences and markers in Mt. Hope Cemetery and South Cemetery received a coat of paint. The tool shed in Mt. Hope was painted.

In the Fall a complete survey of Mt. Hope Cemetery was done. A much needed utility trailer was delivered during the Summer.

In South Cemetery the new roadways were tarred, with plans to put a sealer coat on them this year. Twelve maple trees were planted along the new roadways in South Cemetery late this Fall. We have received 200 stainless steel lot markers for installation in South Cemetery this coming Spring.

In 1968 we performed twenty-seven burials. $1050.00 was deposited in the cemetery income account and $827.50 was realized from the sale of lots.

Belchertown School Committee

To the Citizens of Belchertown:

During the 1968 fiscal year your School Committee met forty-two (42) times. This does not include informal inspections of school buildings and grounds, Area V School Committee Workshops and School Committee Seminars.

Renovations were made in the girls' rest room at the Memorial School. A new fire escape was installed at Center School. Also all driveways were repaved. The painting of several classrooms both in the elementary and high school, and the up-grade of electrical fixtures, as well as the progressive maintenance at all buildings, are some of the projects completed this year.

The Committee wishes to announce its agreement with the Belchertown Lions' Club and with the Parks and Recreation Committee for the use of Physical Education facilities at the Jr.-Sr. High School building by the community when it is not occupied for school functions. The Adult Evening Art Class is an excellent example of this policy of cooperation.

The loss of the services of Mrs. Phyllis Mullane, cafeteria manager, in the School System, is a heavy blow. Her ambition, drive and pleasing manner, will be missed by the entire community. We all wish her well and much happiness in her new endeavors.

The Board of Education notified your School Committee of the following:

1. Priority Education through School District Organization
2. Classes K=12 by September, 1970.

Collective Bargaining Negotiations have been completed with the Administration, Supervisors, Guidance Department, Belchertown Teachers' Association, Belchertown Custodians' Association, School Nurse, Secretaries, Supervisor of Maintenance, and School Lunch Personnel. Indications are that an increase of approximately 15% in the budget will become necessary for the 1969 school budget.

The Committee and the Board of Selectmen held a joint meeting on April 8, 1968. The purpose of this meeting was to elect a new member to the vacancy created by the resignation of David A. Staples. Mr. Staples was appointed by the Town Moderator as Belchertown's member on the Regional Vocational High School Committee. Mr. Kenneth Thayer was appointed to fill the School Committee vacancy.

The Belchertown School Committee appreciates the continued support from the taxpayers for the Educational System of this community. Excellent school plant maintenance, qualified staff and dedicated personnel are made possible through this action. We commend one and all for years of progress.

The Belchertown School Committee respectfully asks the Town to appropriate the sum of $821,099.00 for the operation of the schools during 1969.

Report of the Superintendent of Schools

To the Members of the School Committee and the Citizens of Belchertown:

In submitting my third annual report to you as your Superintendent of Schools a review of some of the changes which have occured this year to improve the quality of education in the schools of the Town would seem to be in order.

At the elementary level a two year study of the reading program was begun under the direction of the Supervising Principal and The Reading · Specialist. This study resulted in the formation of a Curriculum Revision Committee to revise and improve the reading program. Although strides have been made in the area of reading in the past five years, it is never wise to stand still. It is necessary to be constantly on the alert for new and improved methods of teaching. The reading ability of our students has been improved in the last few years but there is still room for much improvement in this vital area. The aims of this Curriculum Committee include: 1) Formation of curriculum guides, 2) Imrovement of present ability grouping practices, 3) Diagnostic testing at the completion of each reading level, 4) Individualized reading programs for the high achievers in grades four, five and six, 5) Furthur study of the non-graded primary reading program.

The use of Federal money from The National Defense Education Act, Title III, and funds from the Elementary and Secondary Education Acts, Titles I and II has provided new materials, textbooks and library books, and audio-visual equipment to improve our reading programs. The continuation of reading specialists at the elementary and secondary level has made possible the growth in reading achievement of many of our children but to really do the job we should consider another reading specialist at the elementary level to provide more opportunity for our present elementary reading specialist to work with the classroom teacher.

The School Administration has also given attention to the Language disability area during the past year. Language disability is caused essentially by an impairment in the perceptual motor area. Children with this impairment experience difficulty in reading, writing, and spelling. Many studies have been made nation-wide during this decade and only now are doctors and educators beginning to understand the significant effect such things as dyslexia or perceptual motor disability can have on learning ability. Many children who were formerly thought to be slow and incapable of being taught have made unbelievable gains in special programs designed to improve their motor related skills. The Administration hopes in the near future to be able to provide programs of this nature in conjunction with othe towns in the area. In this way we can take advantage of the financial inducements offered by the Commonwealth for regional programs. Two valuable programs were held in Belchertown during the summer of 1968. One program financed by Title I funds was designed for those children needing remedial help in mathematics and reading. The other program, also financed by federal funds, was a Tri-Town project held in conjunction with Ware and Palmer to help those children with learning handicaps. The program concentrated its efforts on the identification and analyses of problem relating to students presently labeled as perceptually handicapped by the classroom teacher.

In-Service courses have been continued in the school system this past year. A Language Arts course was held during 1968 and plans have been made for a Mathematics course in the winter and spring of 1969. In-Service education is the fastest and most economical way of bringing the newest advances in various areas to the attention of our staff. Education is in a constant state of change and our efforts must be constantly directed towards ways of making our teachers aware of these changes. Parents must also be kept aware of changes in curriculum and for this reason the Elementary Supervisor is hoping to institute a Modern Math Course during the evening for interested parents.

In the specialized fields of art and music some improvements have been made and others are planned. An additional music specialist was added this past year and it is anticipated that an additional person will be added to improve the art program in 1969.

At the secondary level one of the more exciting changes took place in September when students and teachers were introduced to the rotating schedule. This change makes possible more flexibility in scheduling and provides increased instructional time during the school day.

Attentions to the high school curriculum include the following:

American Studies: a two year study of American History which has become so complex that it is impossible to do it justice in one year, Mechanical Drawing II has been added to the curriculum for those who need more than just the basic introduction provided in the first year, Household Arts and Industrial Arts are now four full year programs, Art I and Music I are now full courses, Earth Science has been added to the ninth grade program, Standard Biology for those not needing or not wishing the depth of the BSCS Biology Course, Spanish II for those students who took Spanish I the previous year, and accelerated programs in Algebra, Earth Science and French for the advanced students in grade eight.

A Chapter for the National Honor Society was initiated in 1968 at Belchertown High School with 10 charter members.

All departments at the high school geared much of their efforts in 1968 toward implementing the recommendations of the New England Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools Evaluation Committee. Curricula guides are being developed in all major areas and a full report will be submitted by June 1969 of those recommendations which have already been implemented plus the recommendations which are to be acted upon in the near future.

The addition of a late bus at the high school in the afternoon has made it possible for many more students to participate in after-school activities and to remain after school for extra help sessions held by their teachers.

Due to the increase in the number of students attending our schools and the great increases in cost of supplies, equipment and services, the cost of education in Belchertown has continued and will continue to rise. As my predecessors and I have emphasized in past reports, the Town needs more financial assistance from Federal and State sources to keep up with this constant increase. State requirements relating to kindergartens, class size, pupil-teacher ratio, additional programs for all levels of instruction and provisions for those with various learning disabilities improve the quality of education but also impose additional financial needs on the Town. Ways must be found to make our legislators aware of the costs and the need for providing funds before passing laws.

John B. Curry, Jr.
Superintendent of Schools

Report of the School Building Committee

To the Citizens of Belchertown:

Pursuant to the authority vested in the School Building Committee, a well equipped Junior-Senior High School was constructed, within the funds and guidelines established by the voters; moreover, the required number of teaching stations, laboratories and equipment was provided to meet the educational requirements of the educators at both the state and local level.

The care and custody of the new

school was officially transferred to the School Committee through the Selectmen on August 5, 1968.

At present, the final account of all expenditures incurred by the School Building Committee is being tabulated by the Town Accountant with the assistance of the Building Committee's Clerk. This accounting will soon be completed and will then be submitted to the Massachusetts School Building Assistance Commission for their final approval to qualify the Town for the 50% reimbursement for constructiln and equipment costs.

The new Junior-Senior High School has been in service for four years and has stood the test of durability. The modern facilities and equipment have materially contributed toward a better trained youth. Several educators, government officials and knowledgeable citizens from surrounding communities have complimented the Building Committee on the amount of space and quality of equipment which the town obtained for the very conservative amount of funds appropriated.

As we render this our final report, many sincere and grateful thanks are due to two former hard-working members of this Committee, Andrew G. Ketchen and Donald E. Geer; to former School Superintendents, Carl J. Peterson and Frank M. Dunn, Jr., to the present Superintendent, John B. Curry and his office staff; to our town officials, and to all groups and individuals whose cooperation and help brought this project to a successful fulfillment.

Another milestone has been passed, and as we face an ever-changing world, all of us can, with a touch of pride, know that our future in this great country is better and brighter because we, as a town, sacrificed and gave to make it so.

Respectfully submitted,
Isaac A. Hodgen, Chairman

Pathfinder Regional School Committee

On February 26, 1968, the towns of Belchertown, Hardwick, Monson, New Braintree, North Brookfield, Palmer, Ware, Warren and West Brookfield voted unanimously to form a regional vocational-technical high school district. The moderator in each of the towns then appointed the regional school committeemen:

David A. Staples	Belchertown
Kenneth K. Dennis	Hardwick
Walter D. Raleigh	Monson
Norman Walker	New Braintree
John C. Lane	No. Brookfield
Robert H. Carper	Palmer
Harry Uguccioni	Palmer
Irving Mattson	Ware
Marguerite C. McKelligett	Warren
Philip Bassford (who was subsequently replaced by Arvid O. Silverberg)	W. Brookfield

The District Committee was organized, and Harry Uguccioni elected as chairman, Irving Mattson as vice chai man and Marguerite McKelligett as se retary-clerk. Francis J. Lynch of Palmer was appointed treasurer of the District. The name "Pathfinder" was chosen unanimously by the Committee to be the name of the District because it suggested a new and enlightened approach to education.

The following subcommittees were formed from the District Committee:

A Budget Committee consisted of Kenneth Dennis, chairman, David Staples, John Lane, Philip Bassford and Irving Mattson. An Operating and Maintenance Budget of $11,100 for 1968 was adopted at special town meetings held in each town in April of 1968. At the close of the year a sur-

us of $4,751.44 was on hand. An
erating and Maintenance Budget of
6,615 has been adopted for 1969. Sur-
us and anticipated reimbursements have
duced this sum to $28,615, and each
wn in the District has received a certi-
d copy of his share of the budget.

A committee to select a Superintend-
t-Director consisted of David Staples,
airman, John Lane, Marguerite Mc-
lligett and Irving Mattson with Harry
uccioni, ex-officio. From a total of
elve applicants, 8 were interviewed and
o were asked to return for a final inter-
ew. From these interviews, Mr. Vincent
Catacchio was selected and he
ported for work in October of 1968. Mr.
tacchio is currently drawing up educa-
nal specifications for a vocational-
chnical high school for the District.

The Site Committee with Norman
alker, chairman, Robert Carper, Wal-
r and Irving Mattson has viewed about
ven sites in the Ware-Palmer area.
out four of these sites are being con-
dered and will be viewed by the architect and School Building Assistance Commission before a final selection is made.

The Architect Committee with Robert Carper, chairman, Kenneth Dennis, Philip Bassford, Walter Raleigh and Norman Walker has interviewed fifteen of the many architectural firms that applied for consideration. The final selection will be forthcoming following return interviews with the four top firms.

The Committee anticipates petitioning the selectmen in each of the nine towns, in early spring, for authorization to borrow money for a planning grant; also, to either purchase or to take an option on a site. The Committeemen wish to thank the Town Officials, the Superintendent of Schools, and the many dedicated individuals who have helped them in their labors during the past three years.

Respectfully submitted

DAVID A. STAPLES,
Pathfinder Regional
School Committeeman

SCHOOL FINANCIAL REPORT

RECEIPTS:

Budget 1968	$711,020.00	
Less P. L. 874	8,125.00	
		$702,895.00
Expenditures		693,805.92
Balance Returned to Town		$ 9,089.08

REIMBURSEMENTS:

Paid to Town of Belchertown from sources other than local taxation:

A. Chapter 70 School Aid	136,759.06
B. Chapter 71 Transportation	31,554.13

C. Chapter 69 Special Education		7,490.00
D. Chapter 76 State Wards		
Tuition	3,275.69	
Transportation	547.86	3,823.55
E. Chapter 74 Vocational Ed		
Household Arts	663.00	
Transportation	2,336.00	2,999.00
F. Title V - Guidance		7,092.63
		$189,718.37

RECAPITULATION:

Total Cost of Schools	$693,805.92
Offset to 1969 Taxes	189,718.37
Actual Cost to Town - 1968	$504,087.55
Actual Cost to Town - 1967	$414,915.81

School Financial Report

Classification of School Expenditures, 1968

1000 - GENERAL CONTROL		
School Committee Expense		$ 474.90
Superintendent of Schools:		
Salaries:		
Superintendent and Clerical		23,826.84
Expense:		
Includes Travel, Printing, Office Supplies and Advertising		1,646.47
		$25,948.21
2000 - INSTRUCTION		
Salaries:		
Teachers, Principals, Supervisors, Substitutes, Tutoring, Teacher Aid, Driver Education		$440,764.63
Supervisor Expenses:		
Clerical Salaries and Office Supplies		14,035.98
Instructional Supplies and Textbooks		31,113.12
		$485,913.73
3000 - OTHER SCHOOL SERVICES		
Salaries and Expenses:		
Law Enforcement		$ 50.00
Health		7,063.07
Food Services		7,715.35
Transportation:		
Regular Routes	53,239.42	
Field Trips	944.95	
		54,184.37

Athletics	7,023.69
Student Activity	375.00
	$76,411.48
4000 - OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE	
Salaries: Custodial	41,214.07
Expense:	
Supplies and Utilities	29,490.69
Repair and Replacement	15,180.69
	$85,885.45
5000 - FIXED CHARGES	
Expense:	
Insurance on Band Instruments and Uniforms	$ 64.00
7000 - ACQUISITION OF FIXED ASSETS	
Expense:	
Audio Visual and Library Equipment	$ 1,570.00
9000 - PROGRAMS WITH OTHER SCHOOLS	
Vocational Education	
Tuition, EPA	755.10
Tuition, Day	10,302.12
Transportation	6,955.83
	$18,013.05
Total School Expenditures	$693,805.92

Proposed Budget 1969

1000 Administration	$ 28,988.	
2000 Instruction	569,473.	
3000 Other School Services	97,022.	
4000 Maintenance of School Plant	98,614.	
5000 Fixed Charges	78.	
7000 Fixed Assets	2,424.	
9000 Programs With Other Schools	24,500.	$821,099.

In accordance with the Regulations of Section 6, Chapter 70, Acts of the General Laws, the Belchertown School Committee cannot, at this time, give any definite amount of anticipated receipts for 1969. Although

Belchertown is entitled to more than $135,000.00, the Tax Department of the Massachusetts Department of Education advises that this is the amount we should expect.

The anticipated receipts for 1969 include the following:

Chapter 70 (School Fund)	$135,000.	
Chapter 71 (Transportation)	41,136.	
Chapter 76 (State Ward Transportation)	550.	
Chapter 76 (State Ward Tuition)	3,664.	
Chapter 74 (Voc. Educational Transportation)	3,180.	
Chapter 69 (Special Education)	7,750.	$191,28
Federal Aid: Public Law 874		13,00
		$204,28
Approximate amount to be raised by location taxation		$616,81

Harold W. Willey, Chairman
Lloyd C. Chadbourne
Robert N. Donovan
Richard D. Pratt
Kenneth W. Thayer

Belchertown School Committee

Housing for the Elderly

On November 15, 1967, the Board of Selectmen appointed a Committee to survey the need for Housing for the Elderly in this town. The Committee consisted of Hudson Holland, Francis Loftus, William Malmstedt, Irene Orlando and Morgan Ryther. The first meeting was held on November 22, 1967 at which Miss Orlando was named Secretary and Hudson Holland Chairman.

During the next few months several meetings were held by the Committee, publicity concerning the contemplated project was furnished through releases published by our local paper and papers of neighboring communities. Mr. Christopher J. McCarthy, Director of Lease and Occupancy, Division of Housing, Boston, Mass., who has charge of approving such projects, was contacted and the rules, regulations, requirements for eligibility, etc. were established.

In the issue of January 11, 1968, the Belchertown Sentinel further publicised the project and printed a survey form on which any interested person could indicate their desire to become tenants of such a development.

Further meetings were held and the names of those residents over age 65 who might possibly be interested were compiled from town records. In early May, 1968, one hundred and forty

tters were sent to these residents
:plaining the project and enclosing
form on which the recipient could
dicate their interest in becoming
nants of the development. 25 forms
ere returned showing definite inter-
st at the moment, and 20 more re-
ies indicated definite interest in the
ar future.

On the 24th of July Mr. McCarthy
et with the Committee as well as the
oard of Selectmen and said that the
sult of the survey showed a true
ed for such housing in this town.
e showed many slides of comparable
velopments in various parts of the
ate and urged that Belchertown "get
ing" while funds were still available.

The Committee looked over and
ent through several nearby Housing
r the Elderly units and found them
iversally an addition to the appear-
ce of the locality and highly approved
by those elders who were residing
them. The Committee asked that
y land owners who had property
centrally located in the Town make known their willingness to sell and the Committee sounded out others whose property might be suitable. Several offers and suggestions were received which will be turned over to the Housing Authority, once it has been established.

On September 16, 1968, at a Special Town Meeting, the recommendation of the Committee to establish a Housing Authority was adopted whole heartedly.

An interim Belchertown Housing Authority was appointed by the Board of Selectmen pending the Town Election. This group consisted of the original members of the Survey Committee with their terms of office to expire in March. The voters of the Town will select 4 members of the Authority while the State will name the 5th member. The candidate receiving the greatest number of votes will serve as Chairman of the Belchertown Housing Authority.

Industrial and Development Commission

The Industrial and Development
mmission has completed its first
ar of existence. Duties were de-
ned at our earlier meetings and
e commission has met twice a
onth to do its work.

We have been trying to establish
atmosphere whereby a prospect-
e industry or business might want
become established or relocate
Belchertown.

Our town has many attractive
atures that we are promoting. It
located in the hub of a network
good roads with a proximity to
e Turnpike and the new Route 91.
n added feature is the Central
Vermont Railway which runs throughout the entire length of the town.

Our nearness to several great colleges and the University of Massachusetts is also a definite advantage.

Our tax rate is competitive with surrounding communities. We have several hundred acres of land already zoned industrial and business.

Our work this year has consisted of compiling data that will enable us to answer any inquiries made by prospective businesses. Also a great deal of effort has been put into the composition of a small pamphlet to promote the town.

We have had some correspondence and contact with persons interested in the relocation and establishment of businesses in Belchertown.

After careful consideration we feel that there should be some modification of the zoning by laws, particularly in the field of apartment complexes. These, we feel, are profitable to the town tax-wise. We also feel that plans should be made to expand our water and sewer districts.

The members of the commission wish to thank the town officers and boards for their co-operation this past year. We found everyone eager to assist us in our work.

Finally the commission urgently requests the citizens of Belchertown to pass along any information or advice concerning prospective businesses.

Report of the Belchertown Rationing Board

The Federal Government has prepared for future use a nation-wide emergency Freeze Order designed to conserve and restrict the use of food, petroleum and other essential goods. This General Freeze Order is to be issued by the President in an unlimited national emergency.

The Governor also has prepared in advance announcements and directives regarding the Commonwealth's program to support this Federal Freeze Order, including pre-established guideline on municipal responsibilities.

The Massachusetts Economic Stabilization Board, under the Governor, will exercise direct overall control of State and municipal rationing operations.

In a war emergency the Federal General Freeze Order by the President would immediately go into effect prohibiting all sales of consumer goods in every community until official rationing could be started.

The job of actual rationing eventually would begin with registering all persons and issuing food ration cards. Food would be rationed first then such other consumer items as need dictates.

To be ready for this challenge should it ever come, each Local Ration Board consisting of three persons for the Town of Belchertown, should plan and undertake in orderly sequence the following responsibilites from the time of its initial appointment.

1. Advance selection of emergency operating quarters for the Board's activities in case of need.
2. Selection of possible neighborhood quarters for emergency ration registration, in accordance with instructions to be furnished by State Resources Management Office.
3. Advance arrangements, for example with school personnel or municipal officials, for procuring registrars and clerical assistance.
4. Understanding of the nature and purposes of plans for post-attack resources management and rationing, in the light of instructions and background material to be furnished by the State.
5. Familiarization with the Emergency Freeze Order.
6. Familiarization with national instructions for ration registration and administration.
7. Stand-by arrangements with local printers and reproduction facilities for emergency production of forms and documents.
8. Liaison with community public

information resources to facilitate immediate publicity on the Freeze Order and conservation arrangements should emergency occur.

9. Advance arrangements with pharmacists etc. to make possible emergency release of most urgent needs under the Freeze Order.

10. Education of food merchants and restaurants in emergency handling of rationed food and ration evidence.

11. Familiarization with principal local warehouses and food depots, for their secureity in emergency.

Therefore on June 25, 1968 the Belchertown Rationing Board was organized as follows:

Chairman. . . . . Andrew T. Sears
Clerk. . . . . Edward H. Gates
Other Member. . . . William H. Squires

ANDREW T. SEARS

Board of Health Report

The Board of Health held regular meetings monthly, fourth Wednesday of the month. Two closed hearings were held.

Mr. James A. Bonafini inspected all renovated and new septic tank installaions. There were 20 such inspections.

Mr. Delmore LaJeunesse made necessary plumbing inspections in ompliance with Chapter 358 of the Acts of 1965. He reports making 24 plumbing inspections and 14 gas inpections.

Mrs. Doris Squires, special secreary for communicable diseases for he Board reports the following; this lso includes the same for the Belcherown State School:

Chicken Pox	14 cases
Dysentery (sonne)	3 cases
Strep Throat	11 cases
Measles	2 cases
Scarlet Fever	7 cases
Hepatitis	2 cases
Erysipelas	1 case
Tuberculosis	1 case
Meningitis (viral)	1 case
Mumps	15 cases

Mr. Lewis Austin, Board of Health Animal Inspector, investigated 29 cases of animal bites.

Assistance was given to one family who had a premature infant born as provided under the Premature Infant Act of the General Laws.

Several clinics were held in the public schools with Dr. Kenneth Collard administering:

On April 24	532 Polio drinks
June 19	88 " "
May 22	120 Measle Vaccine injections
May 29	47 Small Pox Vaccine
Oct. 2	57 Asian Flu injections to school personnel, firemen, & policemen, & town officials.

Meetings have been held with Belchertown, Palmer, Brimfield, Holland and Wales concerning the possibility of a Regional Nursing Service. Committees are now working on a proposed organization whereby a Visiting Nursing Service would be available to the citizens of Belchertown. The name will be the Pioneer Valley Regional Home Health Agency.

DR. KENNETH COLLARD, M. D.
MRS. GOULD KETCHEN
MR. JAMES BONAFINI

Agent --- Sanitarian Report

As Agent-Sanitarian for the Board of Health of the Town of Belchertown, I respectfully submit my annual report for 1968.

During 1968, regular inspections were made on eleven Food Service Establishments in accordance with Article XI of the Sanitary Code of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Four Retail Food Establishments were issued Certificates of Registration as required under Chapter 94, Section 305 A of the Laws of the Commonwealth. This law was new in 1968.

One trailer park, one recreational camp for children, one family camping area, one bakery and two egg canning licenses were issued. Each of the above is licensed by specific laws of the State.

One public health nuisance was investigated and appropriate action was taken to eliminate the nuisance condition.

Two investigations were made regarding the correct location of a sewage disposal system. One investigation was made concerning sub-standard housing conditions. Appropriate action was taken as the result of these investigations.

Thirty five itinerant food service establishments were inspected during the annual fiar. Each establishment operated in accordance with health laws.

During the summer months, regular inspections were made at the town beach and bath house. Monthly sample were taken from the lake and the bath house drinking water supply.

Water samples were taken from the recreational camp supplies and from the individual trailers in the trailer park.

Consultation to the Board of Health on the location of a sewage disposal system for an apartment house was provided.

Regular monthly inspection were made at the town dump and where necessary recommendations were made to the Board of Health to attempt to maintain the dump in as sanitary manner as possible.

It wish to extend to the citizens of Belchertown a thank you for the fine cooperation extended to me during 1968.

JOHN A. BRICKETT, R.S.
Agent-Sanitarian

arrant for Special Town Meeting --- February 26, 1968

mmonwealth of Massachusetts
mpshire, ss

any of the Constables of the Town of
lchertown, in said County,

EETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth
Massachusetts, you are hereby re-
ired to notify and warn all the in-
bitants of the Town of Belchertown,
alified to vote in Town affairs, to
et at the Lawrence Memorial Hall,
said Belchertown, on Monday, the
enty-sixth day of February, A. D.
68 at 7:30 o'clock in the evening
en and there to act on the following
icles, viz:

TICLE 1. To see if the Town will accept the provisions of sections sixteen to sixteen 1, inclusive, of Chapter seventy-one of the General Laws, providing for the establishment of a regional school district, consisting of the Towns of Belchertown, Hardwick, Monson, New Braintree, North Brookfield, Palmer, Ware, Warren, and West Brookfield, and the construction, maintenance, and operation of a regional school by the said district in accordance with the provisions of a proposed agreement filed with the Selectmen.

YES	
NO	

Vote to be by yes or no ballot

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof, one at Dwight, one at Metacomet Street, and one Turkey Hill Road, one on South Street, one on Depot Street, one at the Town Hall, and one at the Lawrence Memorial Hall, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at or before the time of holding said meeting.

GIVEN UNDER OUR HANDS this fifteenth day of February, A.D. 1968.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Wm. Gerry Whitlock, Chairman
William H. Squires, Jr.
Frank E. Farrington, Jr.
Francis P. Loftus
Herbert E. Squires

To the Town Clerk:

The Town Meeting Warrant is returned herewith. The posting instructions contained in the warrant and in the Town By-Laws have been complied with.

Ernest M. Gay
Constable
February 16, 1968

A true copy
Attest:

Robert D. Camp, Sr.
Town Clerk

February 27, 1968

Action taken at the Special Town Meeting held February 26, 1968

Meeting opened at 7:30 PM
Moderator - Charles W. Jackson
Voters present 75;
Quorum required 25.

ARTICLE 1. -Voted to accept the provisions of Sections 16 to 16 1, inclusive, of Chapter 71 of the General Laws, providing for the establishment of a regional school district, consisting of the Towns of Belchertown, Hardwick, Monson, New Braintree, North Brookfield, Palmer, Ware, Warren, and West Brookfield, and the construction, maintenance, and operation of a regional school by the said district in accordance with the provisions of a proposed agreement filed with the Selectmen.

Voted by Yes or No Ballot with article one as the question.

Yes 160 No 77 Blanks 2

Check list used by Registrars of Voters
Ballots counted by Registrars of Voters

Meeting voted to dissolve at 10:00 PM
(Unanimous yes)

Attest:

Robert D. Camp, Sr.
Town Clerk

Warrant for Annual Town Meet
---March 4 and 11, 1968

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Hampshire, ss.

To any of the Constables of the Town of Belchertown, in said County,

GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn all the inhabitants of the Town of Belchertown, qualified to vote in elections of Town officers, to meet at the several polling places in said Belchertown, designated by the Selectmen, to wit:

IN PRECINCT A, at Lawrence Memorial Hall in Jabish Street.

IN PRECINCT B, at the Franklin School Building in Franklin Street, South Belchertown, on Monday, the fourth day of March, A.D., 1968, at eight o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to give in their votes on one ballot to precinct officers of the several polling precincts of said Town for the following officers, to wit: a Moderator, a Town Clerk, a Sewer Commissioner, a Tree Warden, each for one year; two Selectmen, a Tax and Town Collector, a Cemetery Commissioner, a Sewer Commissioner, an Assessor, a School Committee member, and a Board of Health member, each for three years; one Planning Board member for five years.

The polls will be open at eight o'clock in the forenoon and closed at eight o'clock in the evening.

And you are further hereby required to notify and warn all the inhabitants of said Belchertown qualied to vote in Town affairs to meet t the Lawrence Memorial Hall in aid Belchertown on Monday, the leventh day of March, A.D. 1968, t 7:30 o'clock in the evening, then nd there to act on the following rticles, viz:

RTICLE 1. To choose the following named officers by nomination: Two (2) Almoners of the Whiting Street and the Mrs. Susan M.D. Bridgman Funds, each for one (1) year; and one (1) trustee of the Calvin Bridgman Fund for three (3) years.

RTICLE 2. To hear reports of the officers of the Town and any committees that may have been appointed by the Town and act thereon.

RTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate to the Clapp Memorial Library Account the dog license refund of 1967 or take any action relateve thereto.

RTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Assessors, the Cemetery Commissioners, the Sewer Commissioners, and the Tree Warden to appoint themselves to work in their various departments for the ensuing year, at hourly rates not to exceed the following:

ssessors	$2.00 per hour
emetery Commissioners	$2.00 per hour
Sewer Commissioners	$2.50 per hour
Tree Warden	$2.50 per hour

or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Insurance Reserve Account a sum of money to the Insurance Account, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Road Machinery Earnings Account a sum of money to the Road Machinery Expense Account, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, a sum of money for Chapter 81 Highways, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury a sum of money for Chapter 90 Highway Construction, Program of 1968, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, a sum of money for Chapter 90 Maintenance, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, a sum of money for improvements of the following streets, all public ways:

Bardwell Street
Allen Street
Pine Street
Gulf Road
Orchard Street
Gold Street
Shaw Street
South Street

or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate such sums of money as shall be deemed necessary to defray the expenses listed in the Finance Committee report for the current fiscal year, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue for the financial years beginning January 1, 1968, and January 1, 1969, in accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 4, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 17, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, a sum of money for the purchase of a new dump truck for the Highway Department, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, a sum of money for the purchase of a new Police Cruiser, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from unappropriated available funds, a sum of money, and that said sum shall be added to and become a part of the Stabilization Fund, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from available funds in the treasury a sum of money for use by the Assessors to reduce the tax rate, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred dollars ($100.00) for the use of the Conservation Commission, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to amend the official Zoning Map by deleting from the Agricultural District and including in the Business District a parcel of land thought to belong to Edward L. and Eleanor L. Schmidt situated on both sides of Route #9 and on the Southerly side of Blue Meadow Road, the portion lying on the Southerly side of Route 9 and Blue Meadow being a strip of land 500 feet in depth measured perpendicularly from the Southerly Line of said Route 9 and Blue Meadow Road commencing at Station 54+87.69 of the 1931 State Highway Layout and thence running Westerly along the Southerly line of Route #9 557.25 feet to the juncture of Blue Meadow Road; thence Southwesterly along the Southerly line of Blue Meadow Road 207 feet, the portion lying Northerly of Route #9 consists of a strip of land 400 feet in depth measured perpendiculary from the Northerly line of said Route #9 commencing at a point opposite Station 54+87.69 and running Westerly along the Northerly line of said Route #9 335 feet; all as shown on 2 plans on file in the office of the Town Clerk, or act otherwise thereon.

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote to amend the official Zoning Map by deleting from the Agricultural District and including in the Industrial District a parcel of land thought to belong to Hubert F. and Jennie T. Greene bounded on the North by Route #9 between Station 16+55 and Station 26+55 of the 1931 State Highway Layout 1,000 feet, on the East by Warner Brook 1,920 feet,. South by land thought to belong to Edward F. and Marcelle Czupkiewicz 550 feet on the West and Southwest by said Czupkiewicz and John and Edna S. Zielinski 2,250 feet, or act otherwise thereon.

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury a sum of money to add to the account already established for the purpose of constructing a field house on Parson's Field, or act otherwise thereon.

ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums of money for bills incurred in 1967, or take any action relative thereto:

Almer Huntley, Jr., Assoc. Inc. $280.80
Belchertown State School $597.02

ARTICLE 22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury (Chapter 679, Acts of 1965, Highway Improvement Program), a sum of money for the permanent construction of East Street, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, (Chapter 616, Acts of 1967), a sum of money for the permanent construction of East Street, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 24. To see if the Town will accept the provisions of Section 8A of Chapter 40 of the General Laws, as most recently amended, and thereby authorize the establishment of a Development and Industrial Commission of nine (9) members, and to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the use of said Commission, or act otherwise thereon.

ARTICLE 24. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copi thereof, one at Dwight, one at Metacomet Street, one on Turkey Hill Road, one on South Street, one on Depot Street, one at Town Hall, and one at Lawrence Memorial Hall, sev days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at or before the time of holding said meeting

Given under our hands this 26th day February, A.D., 1968.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Wm. Gerry Whitlock,
Chairman
William H. Squires, Jr.
Frank E. Farrington, Jr.
Herbert E. Squires

To the Town Clerk:

The Town Meeting Warrant is returned herewith. The posting instructions contained in the warrant and in the Town By-Laws have been complied with.

Ernest M. Gay
Constable
February 27, 1968

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bert D. Camp, Sr.
wn Clerk

ction Taken on the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting Held March 11, 1968

oderator - Charles W. Jackson
eeting called to order at 7:30 PM
ters present 189;
Quorum required 25)
vocation given by Rev. Elvert F.
Miller

Art. 1. Voted Mrs. Sophia Pero
d Mrs. Ruth B. Fuller as Almoners
the Whiting Street Fund and Susan
D. Bridgman Fund, each for one
ar; and Sidney W. Wheeler as
ustee of the Calvin Bridgman Fund
three years. (Vote, Unanimous
s)

Art. 2. Voted to accept the re-
rts of the officers of the town
d of any committee that may have
en appointed by the town with the ex-
ption of the Finace Committee.
nal reports of the School Needs and
unicipal Building Committees
cepted with said committees being
clared dissolved by the Moderator.
ote, Unanimous yes)

Art. 3. Voted to appropriate to
Clapp Memorial Library Account
balance of $506.11 of the Dog
ense refund of 1967. (Vote, Unan-
ous yes)

Art. 4. Voted to authorize the
sessors, Cemetery Commis-
ners, Sewer Commissioners, and
ee Warden to appoint themselves
work in ther various departments
the ensuing year, not to exceed
following hourly rates;

Assessors and Cemetery Commissioners $2.00 per hour
Tree Warden and Sewer Commissioners $2.50 per hour
(Vote, Unanimous yes)

Art. 5. Voted to appropriate from the Insurance Reserve Account the sum of $660.33 to the Insurance Account. (Vote, Unanimous yes)

Art. 6. Voted to transfer from the Road Machinery Earnings Account the sum of $7000.00 to the Road Machinery Expense Account. (Vote, Unanimous yes)

Art. 7. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $4200.00 and that the sum of $28,875.00 be transferred from unappropriated available funds in the treasury for Chapter 81 highways. (Vote, Unanimous yes)

Art. 8. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $9,750.00 and that the sum of $29,250.00 be transferred from unappropriated available funds in the treasury for Chapter 90 highways construction, program of 1968. (Vote, Unanimous yes)

Art. 9. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $5,000.00 and that the sum of $10,000.00 be transferred from unappropriated available funds in the treasury for Chapter 90 Maintenance. (Vote, Unanimous yes)

Art. 10. Voted to raise and appropriate the following sums of money for the improvement of the following streets, all public ways:

Bardwell Street	$1,200.00
Allen Street	$1,200.00
Pine Street	$1,200.00
Orchard Street	$1,200.00
Gold Street	$1,200.00
Shaw Street	$1,200.00
Gulf Road	$1,200.00
South Street	$ 600.00
Total	$9,000.00

(Vote, Unanimous yes)

Art. 11. Voted to fix the salaries and compensation of all elected officers of the town, as provided for by Section 108 of Chapter 41 of the General Laws, as amended; and to raise and appropriate, or appropriate from available funds, moneys for departmental and incidental expenses of the town for the ensuing year; and that the various major categories of the budget as contained in the Finance Committee's report be separately considered and acted upon; and further that these sums of money granted and appropriated for the several specific purposes therein designated, be expended only for these purposes as specifically designated under the direction of the respective officers, boards, and committees of the town. (Vote, Unanimous yes)

(See separate lists for itemized appropriations of all warrant articles.)

Art. 12. Voted to authorize the treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue for the financial years beginning January 1, 1968 and January 1, 1969, in accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 4, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 17. (Vote, Unanimous yes)

Art. 13. Voted that the sum of $8,000.00 be transferred from available funds in the treasury for the purchase of a new dump truck for the highway department. (Vote, Unanimous yes)

Art. 14. Voted that the sum of $2,200.00 be transferred from available funds in the treasury for the purchase of a new police cruiser. (Vote, Unanimous yes)

Art. 15. Voted that the sum of $15,000.00 be transferred from avai able funds in the treasury to be adde to and become part of the Stabilization Fund. (Vote, Majority yes)

Art. 16. Voted that the sum of $17,000.00 be transferred from avai able funds in the treasury for use by the Assessors to reduce the tax rate (Vote, Majority yes)

Art. 17. Voted to raise and appro priate the sum of $100.00 for the Co servation Fund for use of the Conse vation Commission. (Vote, Unanimous yes)

Art. 18. Voted to amend the offic Zoning Map by deleting from the Ag cultural District and including in the Business District a parcel of land thought to belong to Edward L. & Eleanor L. Schmidt situated on both sides of Route #9 and on the souther ly side of Blue Meadow Road, the portion lying on the southerly side o Route #9 and Blue Meadow Road bei a strip of land 500 feet in depth mea sured perpendicularly from the southerly line of said Route #9 and Blue Meadow Road commencing at Station 54+87.69 of the 1931 State Highway LayOut and thence running westerly along the southerly line of Route #9 557.25 feet to the juncture Blue Meadow Road; thence southwest erly along the southerly line of Blue Meadow Road 207 feet, the portion lying northerly of Route #9 consists of a strip of land 400 feet in depth measured perpendicularly from the northerly line of said Route #9 commencing at a point opposite Station 54+87.69 and running westerly along the northerly line of said Route #9 335 feet; all as shown on 2 plans on

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ote, Yes 189, No 7)

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ous yes)

Art. 20. Voted to raise and appro-
ate the sum of $500.00 to add to
account already established for
purpose of construction of a field
use on Parson's Field. (Vote,
animous yes)

Art. 21. Voted to raise and appro-
ate the following sums of money for
paid bills of 1967:

Almer Huntly, Jr. Associates, Inc.	$280.80
Belchertown State School	$597.02
Total	$877.82

ote, Unanimous yes)

Art. 22. Voted to transfer from
ailable funds in the treasury (Chap-
679, Section 5, Acts of 1965,
ghway Improvement Program) the
m of $4,221.68 for the permanent
nstruction of five hundred (500)
et of East Street starting from Cold
ring Road running northerly on East
reet. (Vote, Unanimous yes)

Art. 23. Voted to transfer from
ailable funds in the treasury (Chap-
616, Acts of 1967, Highway Im-
ovement Program) the sum of
$6,000.00 for the permanent construction of 1,000 feet of East Street starting at the proposed site of the new State Fish Hatchery and running northerly on East Street. (Vote, Unanimous yes)

Art. 24. Voted to accept the provisions of Section 8A of Chapter 40 of the General Laws, as most recently amended, and thereby authorize the establishment of a Development and Industiral Commission of ten (10) members, and to raise and appropriate the sum of $100.00 for the use of said Commission. (Vote, Unanimous yes)

Art. 25. Voted to dissolve the meeting at 10:22 PM (Vote, Unanimous yes)

(Total registered voters in attendance 247)

Attest:

Robert D. Camp, Sr.
Town Clerk

The high school library is always a busy place.

Ballots Cast Town Election March 4, 1968

	Name	Precinct A	Precinct B	To
Moderator	Charles W. Jackson	823	133	9
Blanks		192	47	2
1 yr. Totals		1015	180	11
Town Clerk	Robert D. Camp, Sr.	893	139	10
Blanks		122	41	1
1 yr. Totals		1015	180	11
Selectmen (2 Elected)	William Gerry Whitlock	588	36	6
3 yrs.	Michael S. Mathras	466	100	5
	Arthur J. Moriarty	234	120	3
	Edward H. Gates	481	35	5
Blanks		261	69	3
Totals		2030	360	23
Tax & Town Collector	Robert D. Camp, Sr.	891	143	10
Blanks		124	37	1
3 yrs. Totals		1015	180	11
Cemetery Commissioner				
	Edmond A. Blaine	487	111	5
	Lawrence P. Bowser, Jr.	496	50	5
3 yrs. Blanks		32	19	
Totals		1015	180	11
Sewer Commissioner	D. Donald Hazen	871	127	9
3 yrs. Blanks		144	53	1
Totals		1015	180	11
Sewer Commissioner	Edward H. Parker	836	116	9
1 yr. Blanks		179	64	2
Totals		1015	180	11
Tree Warden	Albert W. Brown	911	151	10
1 yr. Blanks		104	29	1
Totals		1015	180	11
Planning Board	George H. Foster, Jr.	786	113	8
5 yrs. Blanks		229	67	2
Totals		1015	180	1
Assessor	Isaac A. Hodgen	603	53	6
3 yrs.	Samuel Jay Joyal	383	114	4
Blanks		29	13	
Totals		1015	180	11
School Committee	Richard D. Pratt	585	46	6

hool Committee	Richard D. Pratt	585	46	631
yrs.	William M. Russell	391	115	506
Blanks		39	19	58
Totals		1015	180	1195
oard of Health	Charlotte P. Ketchen	820	115	935
	Maureen A. Wilmoth	1	0	1
Blanks		194	65	259
Totals		1015	180	1195
uestion #1	YES	378	84	462
	NO	586	70	656
Blanks		51	26	77
Totals		1015	180	1195

Ballots cast March 4, 1968

Precinct A - 1015 Precinct B - 180 Total Vote - 1195

Registered voters at the close of registration Feb. 13, 1968 10:00 P.M.

Precinct A - 1597 Precinct B - 309 Total - - - - 1906

	Precinct A	Precinct B	Totals
Democrat	313	89	402
Republican	521	39	560
Independent	763	181	944
Totals	1597	309	1906

Attest: Robert D. Camp, Sr.
Town Clerk

Appropriations & Transfers Voted by Town Meeting Held March 11, 1968

rt. o.	Account, department or project	Raised and Appropriated	Appropriated Available
1.	None	-	-
2.	None	-	-
3.	Clapp Memorial Library Account	-	506.11
4.	None	-	-
5.	Insurance Account	-	660.33
6.	Road Machinery Expense	-	7,000.00
7.	Highways, Chapter 81	4,200.00	28,875.00
8.	Highways, Chapter 90 Construction	9,750.00	29,250.00
9.	Highways, Chapter 90 Maintenance	5,000.00	10,000.00
0.	Sundry streets	9,000.00	-
1.	Item 1. Moderator, expenses	25.00	-
	2. Finance Committee, expenses	150.00	-
	3. Selectmen, salaries -		
	Chmn. 675.00	-	-

	4 others	600.00	3,075.00	-
	Expenses		2,360.00	-
4.	Zoning By-Law Agent,		-	-
	Salary		400.00	-
	Expenses		200.00	-
5.	Town Accountant,		-	-
	Salary		2,250.00	-
	Expenses		625.00	-
6.	Treasurer,		-	-
	Salary		2,500.00	-
	Expenses		2,090.00	-
7.	Clerk,		-	-
	Salary		1,200.00	-
	Expenses		990.00	-
8.	Collector,		-	-
	Salary		2,700.00	
	Expenses		2,386.00	-
9.	Assessors, salaries-		-	-
	Chmn.	600.00		
	2 others @	500.00	1,600.00	-
	Expenses & wages		5,900.00	-
10.	Law expenses		1,200.00	-
11.	Elections & registrations		3,680.00	-
12.	Planning Board Expenses		600.00	-
13.	Municipal buildings:		-	-
	Old Town Hall		1,739.00	-
	Lawrence Memorial Hall		3,775.00	-
	Town Garage		1,650.00	-
14.	Police		27,000.00	-
15.	Fire		4,500.00	-
16.	Forest Fires		1,700.00	-
17.	Hydrant service		3,000.00	-
18.	Sealer of Wghts. & Meas.		300.00	-
19.	Inspector of Wiring		300.00	-
20.	Conservation Commission		150.00	-
21.	Civil defense,		-	-
	Director salary		300.00	-
	Expenses		700.00	-
22.	Water storage holes (Fire)		500.00	-
23.	Tree Services,		-	-
	Tree warden wages & Expenses		2,000.00	-
	Insect pest control		800.00	-
	Dutch elm disease		1,300.00	-
24.	Board of Appeals		75.00	-
25.	Dog officer expenses		250.00	-
26.	Board of Health, salaries -		-	-
	Chmn.	150.00	- 350.00	-
	2 @	100.00		
	Expenses		2,664.00	-

27. Sewers, salaries -		-	-
Chmn.	250.00	-	-
2 others @	200.00	650.00	-
Expenses		8,500.00	-
28. Town Dump		1,343.00	-
29. Highways, general		19,744.00	-
30. Bridges		3,217.00	-
31. Snow removal		20,000.00	-
32. Sidewalks, maintenance		400.00	-
33. Street Lights		8,213.00	-
34. Board of Public Welfare,		-	-
Salaries -		-	-
Chmn.	87.50	-	-
4 others @	62.50	337.50	-
Welfare District		-	-
General Relief, O.A.A.,		-	-
M.A.A.		-	-
D.A. and A.F.D.C.		-	-
Public Assistance		46,800.00	-
35. Veteran's department,		-	-
Agent salary		375.00	-
Benefits & expenses		5,000.00	-
36. Schools, Administration		26,275.00	-
Instruction		486,715.00	-
Other school services		78,015.00	-
Operation & Maintenance		89,602.00	-
Fixed charges		78.00	-
Acquisition of fixed charges		1,570.00	-
Programs with other schools		20,640.00	-
37. Clapp Memorial Library		4,500.00	-
38. Parks, beaches & recreation			
Parsons Memorial Field		800.00	-
Town Common		400.00	-
Summer Recreation & beach		- 4,208.00	-
39. Cemeteries, salaries		-	-
Chmn.	200.00	-	-
2 others @	150.00	500.00	-
General care expenses		5,585.00	-
Soldiers Graves expenses		200.00	-
40. Pensions, Town employees		12,982.62	-
41. Insurance,		-	-
A-General		18,077.00	-
B-Hospital & Medical		-	-

	(Town)	8,929.00	-
	C-Life (Town)	1,011.00	-
42.	Unclassified items	-	-
	Patriotic exercises	250.00	-
	Town Clock	300.00	-
	Town Report	1,000.00	-
	Reserve Fund	5,000.00	-
	Miscellaneous	700.00	-
43.	Maturing Debt for 1968,	-	
	1949 Sewer Loan	2,000.00	-
	1967 R. Mach Loan	5,250.00	-
	1952 School Loan	19,000.00	-
	1963 School Loan	50,000.00	-
	1964 Coupon notes	10,000.00	-
	Interest schedule of 1968	-	-
	Interest schedule 1949 Sewer Loan	225.00	-
	Interest schedule 1967 Road Machinery Loan	122.61	-
	Interest schedule 1952 School Loan	1,995.00	-
	Interest schedule 1963 School Loan	22,630.00	-
	Interest schedule 1964 School Notes	660.00	-
	Interest schedule Temporary Notes	4,000.00	-
12	None, authorization	-	-
13.	Purchase new dump truck	-	8,000.00
14.	Purchase of new Police Cruiser	-	2,200.00
15.	Stabilization Fund	-	15,000.00
16.	Assessors to reduce tax rate	-	17,000.00
17.	Conservation Fund	100.00	-
18.	Amend Zoning Map	-	-
19.	Amend Zoning Map	-	-
20.	Parsons Field Fieldhouse account	500.00	-
21.	Unpaid bills of 1967 (2)	877.82	-
22.	Cold Spring Road (Chap. 679 Sec. 5 Acts 1965	-	4,221.68
23.	East Street (Chap. 616, Acts of 1967)	-	6,000.00
24.	Industrial & Development Commission	100.00	-
25.	Meeting dissolved	-	-
		$1,114,251.55	$128,713.12

Total - Raised & appropriated	$1,114,251.55
Total - Appropriated-available	128,713.12
	$1,242,964.67

Attest: Robert D. Camp, Sr.
Town Clerk

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Hampshire ss.
To either of the constables of the Town of Belchertown

Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth you are hereby required to notify and warn the nhabitants of said town who are qualified to vote in Primaries to meet in Lawrence Memorial Hall - Precinct A and Franklin School - Precinct B, Belchertown.
Tuesday, the Thirtieth Day of April, 1968

To bring in their votes to the Primary Officers for the Election of Candidates of Political Parties for the following offices:

PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE

2 DISTRICT DELEGATES to the National Convention of the Democratic Party Second Congressional Dist;
2 ALTERNATE DISTRICT DELEGATES to the National Convention of the Democratic Party Second Congressional Dist;
2 DISTRICT DELEGATES to the National Convention of the Republican Party Second Congressional Dist;
2 ALTERNATE DISTRICT DELEGATES to the National Convention of the Republican Party Second Congression Dist;

DISTRICT MEMBERS OF STATE COMMITTEE - (One Man and One Woman) or each political party for the Worcester-Hampden-Hampshire Senatorial District.
35 MEMBERS OF THE DEMOCAATIC TOWN COMMITTEE. (If Any Are To Appear on the Ballot;
35 MEMBERS OF THE REPUBLICAN TOWN COMMITTEE. (If Any Are To Appear on the Ballot;

The polls will be open from twelve o'clock non M. to eight o'clock P. M.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands this first day of April, A. D., 1968.

Wm. Gerry Whitlock, Chmn.,
William H. Squires, Jr.,
Francis P. Loftus, z Selectmen of
Herbert E. Squires, Belchertown
Michael S. Mathras

A true copy. Attest: Ernest M. Gay, Constable.

Posted April 10, 1968.

REPUBLICAN Presidential Primaries April 30, 196

Presidential Preference	(1)	Precinct A	Precinct B	Tot
John A. Volpe		26	3	29
Nelson Rockefeller		9	1	10
Richard Nixon		8	2	10
Eugene J. McCarthy		3	0	3
Hubert H. Humphrey		1	0	1
Robert Kennedy		1	0	1
Wallace		1	1	2
	Blanks	5	0	5
	Totals	54	7	61
Delegates to Nat'l. Convention	(2)			
Frank H. Freedman		38	6	44
Raymond J. Fontana		41	5	46
	Blanks	29	3	32
	Totals	108	14	122
Alternate Delegates	(2)			
Robert D. Moran		33	3	36
R. Kenneth Perry		39	4	43
	Blanks	36	7	43
	Totals	108	14	122
State Committee (Man)	(1)			
Michael B. Jastrzebski		22	3	25
Ralph H. Robbins		15	1	16
Edwin C. Satter III		10	0	10
Ferdinand S. P. Skwark		4	2	6
	Blanks	3	1	4
	Totals	54	7	61
State Committee (Woman)	(1)			
Doris R. Garbose		44	5	49
	Blanks	10	2	12
	Totals	54	7	61

Total Republican Ballots Cast - A B Total
54 7 = 61

DEMOCRAT Presidential Primaries April 30, 196

Presidential Preference	(1)	Precinct A	Precinct B	Tot
Eugene J. McCarthy		29	6	35
Robert F. Kennedy		11	5	16
Hubert H. Humphrey		9	1	10

Wallace	1	1	2
Blanks	3	2	5
Totals	53	15	68
elegate to Nat'l. Convention (2)			
Richard H. Demers	33	7	40
Matthew H. Ryan, Jr.	33	8	41
Blanks	40	15	55
Totals	106	30	136
ternate Delegate (2)			
James R. Nolen	38	13	51
Philip A. Quinn	31	9	40
Blanks	37	8	45
Totals	106	30	136
ate Committee (Man) (1)			
Stanley J. Nurek	18	9	27
Michael B. Guzik	9	2	11
Thomas W. Haley, Jr.	13	3	16
Blanks	13	1	14
Totals	53	15	68
ate Committee (Woman) (1)			
Doris M. Racicot	37	11	48
Blanks	16	4	20
Totals	53	15	68

Total Democratic Ballots Cast - A B
53 15 - 68

Varrant for Special Town Meeting May 13, 1968

mmonwealth of Massachusetts
mpshire, ss.

To any of the Constables of the
wn of Belchertown, in said County

EETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth Massachusetts, you are hereby reired to notify and warn all the inbitants of the Town of Belchertown, alified to vote in Town affairs, to eet at the Lawrence Memorial Hall, said Belchertown, on Monday, the thirteenth day of May, A.D., 1968, at 7:30 o'clock in the evening, then and there to act on the following articles, viz:

Art. 1 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury a sum of money to pay the Town's apportioned share of the operating budget of the Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School District for the calendar year 1968, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 2. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from available funds in the treasury to the Clapp Memorial Library Account the following sum of money which has been received by the Town from the Commonwealth for library purposes, for the year 1968, the sum of $1,296.50, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury a sum of money for the connection of the drainage of Daniel Square to Stebbins Street, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury a sum of money for further renovation of the basement offices of Lawrence Memorial Hall building, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 5. To see if the Town will vote to amend the official zoning map by deleting from the Agricultural District and including in the Industrial District a parcel of land consisting of approximately 91.136 acres, thought to belong to Bertha M. Isaac and David M. Isaac, located on the southeasterly side of Old Springfield Road and being bounded generally as follows: Northerly by Holbrook C. Prescott and Francis P. & Emma D. Loftus; Easterly by a fence along land thought to belong to Luigi Siano; Southerly by a fence along land thought to belong to Julian Szarlan and Westerly by land of Bertha Isaac and said Old Springfield Road, all as shown on a plan entitled, "Plan of Land in Belchertown, Massachusetts Belonging to Bertha M. Isaac and David M. Isaac", dated March 1, 1967, Almer Huntley, Jr. & Associates, Inc., Registered Land Surveyors & Civil Engineers, on file in the office of the Town Clerk, or act otherwise thereon.

Art. 6. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof, one at Dwight, one at Metacomet Street, one on Turkey Hill Road, one on South Street, one on Depot Street, one at Town Hall, and one at Lawrence Memorial Hall, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at or before the time of holding said meeting

GIVEN UNDER OUR HANDS, this 3rd day of May, A.D., 1968.

BOARD OF SELCETMEN

Wm. Gerry Whitlock,
Chairman
William H. Squires, Jr.
Francis P. Loftus
Herbert E. Squires
Michael S. Mathras

To the Town Clerk:

The Town Meeting Warrant is returned herewith. The posting instructions contained in the warrant and in the Town By-Laws have been complied with.

Ernest M. Gay
Constable
May 3, 1968

Attest:

Robert D. Camp, Sr.
Town Clerk

Action Taken at Special Town Meeting Held May 13, 1968

lerator - Charles W. Jackson
ting called to order at 7:32 PM
ers present 41
rum required 25

rt. 1. Voted that the Town trans-
from available funds in the treas-
the sum of $1,343.10 for Bel-
rtown's apportioned share of the
rating budget of the Pathfinder
ional Vocational Technical High
ool District for the calendar year
3. (Vote, Unanimous yes)

rt. 2. Voted that the Town trans-
from available funds in the treas-
to the Clapp Memorial Library
ount, the sum of $1,296.50 which
been received by the Town from
Commonwealth for library pur-
es for the year 1968. (Vote, Unan-
us yes)

rt. 3. Voted no action be taken.
e, Unanimous yes)

rt. 4. Voted that the Town trans-
from available funds in the treas-
the sum of $1,600.00 for fur-
renovation of the basement
ces of the Lawrence Memorial
building. (Vote, Unanimous
)

rt. 5. Voted to amend the offi-
zoning map by deleting from the
icultural District and including
he Industrial District a parcel of
consisting of approximately
136 acres, thought to belong to
tha M. Isaac and David M. Isaac,
ted on the southeasterly side of
Springfield Road and being bounded
erally as follows: Northerly by
brook C. Prescott and Francis P.
Emma D. Loftus; Easterly by a
e along land thought to belong to
gi Siano, Southerly by a fence
along land thought to belong to Julian Szarlan and Westerly by land of Bertha Isaac and said Old Springfield Road, all as shown on a plan entitled, "Plan of Land in Belchertown, Massachusetts Belonging to Bertha M. Isaac and David M. Isaac", dated March 1, 1967, Almer Huntley, Jr. & Associates, Inc., Registered Land Surveyors & Civil Engineers, on file in the office of the Town Clerk. (Vote, unanimous yes)

Art. 6 Voted to dissolve this meeting at 7:50 PM. (Vote, unanimous yes)

Attest:

Robert D. Camp, Sr.
Town Clerk

Warrant for Special Town Meeting July 22, 1968

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Hampshire, ss.

To any of the Constables of the Town of Belchertown, in said County

GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn all the inhabitants of the Town of Belchertown, qualified to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Lawrence Memorial Hall, in said Belchertown, on Monday, the twenty-second day of July, A.D., 1968, at 7:30 o'clock in the evening, then and there to act on the following articles, viz:

Art. 1 To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury a sum of money for Chapter 90 Maintenance, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 2 To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, the following sum of money for bills incurred in 1967, or take any action relative thereto:
Hubert Greene - $100.00

Art. 3 To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, a sum of money for the Insurance Account, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 4 To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer from the Road Machinery Earnings Account, a sum of money for the Road Machinery Expense Account, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 5 To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer from available funds in the treasury, from the Chapter 679, Old Springfield Road Account to the Chapter 679, East Street Account, the sum of $576.57, for the permanent construction of East Street, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 6 To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof one at Dwight, one at Metacomet Street, one on Turkey Hill Road, one on South Street, one on Depot Street, one at Town Hall, and one at Lawrence Memorial Hall, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk, at or before the time of holding said meeting.

GIVEN UNDER OUR HANDS, this 13th day of July, A.D., 1968.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Wm. Gerry Whitlock,
Chairman
William H. Squires, Jr.
Francis P. Loftus
Herbert E. Squires
Michael S. Mathras

To the Town Clerk:

The Town Meeting Warrant is r
turned herewith. The posting instructions contained in the warrant
and in the Town By-Laws have bee
complied with.

Ernest M. Gay
Constable
July 13, 1968

Action Taken At Special Town Meeting Held July 22, 1968

Moderator - Charles W. Jackson
Meeting called to order at 7:35 PM
Voters present 26
Quorum required 25

Art. 1 Voted that the sum of $4,000.00 be transferred from fre
cash in the treasury for Chapter 9
Maintenance. (Vote, unanimous ye

Art. 2 (Vote, unanimous no)

Art. 3 Voted that the sum of $3,000.00 be transferred from fre
cash in the treasury for the Insurance Account. (Vote, unanimous ye

Art. 4 Voted that the sum of $4,000.00 be transferred from the Road Machinery Earnings Account to the Road Machinery Expense Account. (Vote, unanimous yes)

Art. 5 Voted that the sum of $576.57 be transferred from the Chapter 679, Old Springfield Road

the Chapter 679, East Street
ccount, for the permanent con-
ruction of East Street. (Vote,
animous yes)

Art. 6 Voted to dissolve this meet-
g at 7:58 PM.

true copy
ttest:

obert D. Camp, Sr.
own Clerk

ppropriated	
rom free cash	$7,000.00
" R. M. Earnings acc't	4,000.00
" Ch. 679 Springfield Rd.	576.57
otal	$11,576.57

ttest:

obert D. Camp, Sr.
own Clerk

Warrant for Special Town Meeting September 16, 1968

ommonwealth of Massachusetts
ampshire, ss.

any of the Constables of the Town
Belchertown, in said County

REETING:

n the name of the Commonwealth
Massachusetts, you are hereby
quired to notify and warn all the
habitants of the Town of Belcher-
wn, qualified to vote in the Town
fairs, to meet at the Lawrence
emorial Hall, in said Belchertown,
Monday, the sixteenth day of Sep-
mber, A.D. 1968, at 7:30 o'clock
the evening, then and there to act
the following articles, viz:

Art. 1 To see if the Town will vote
der Massachusetts General Laws,
(Ter. Ed.) Chapter 121, Section 26K, as amended, to establish a Housing Authority and in that connection to make any and all determinations and declarations deemed necessary or desirable, and take any action relative thereto.

Art. 2 To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, a sum of money for the construction of a sidewalk on Fuller Street, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 3 To see if the Town will vote to amend the By-Laws of the Town by deleting therefrom the amendment adopted under Article 29 of the 1967 Annual Town Meeting and adopting in its place the following section:

Article 8. Section 8. All regular, full-time employees of the Town, other than elected officers and those appointed by the School Committee, who have been regularly employed by the Town for a period of not less than fifty-two weeks, shall be given annually seven (7) days vacation without loss of pay; and all regular, full-time employees of the Town, other than elected officers and those appointed by the School Committee, who have been regularly employed by the Town for not less than thirty (30) days shall not suffer loss of pay for failure to work upon the secular days during which the following holidays are celebrated: Christmas, New Years, Thanksgiving, Memorial Day and Labor Day.

or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 4 To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof, one at Dwight, one at Metacomet Street, one on Turkey Hill Road, one on South Street, one on Depot Street, one at Town Hall, and one at Lawrence Memorial Hall, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk, at or before the time of holding said meeting.

GIVEN UNDER OUR HANDS, this 16th day of September, A.D.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Wm. Gerry Whitlock,
Chairman
William H. Squires, Jr.
Francis P. Loftus
Herbert H. Squires

To the Town Clerk:
The Town Meeting Warrant is returned herewith. The posting instructions contained in the warrant and in the Town By-Laws have been complied with.

Ernest M. Gay
Constable
September 6, 1968

A true copy

Attest:

Robert D. Camp, Sr.
Town Clerk

Report of Action Taken at Special Town Meeting Held September 16, 1968

Moderator - Charles W. Jackson
Voters Present 64
Quorum required 25
Meeting called to order at 7:30 PM

Art. 1 Voted to authorize and establish the Belchertown Housing Authority under the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws (Ter. Ed.) Chapter 121, Section 26K and Acts in amendment thereof and in addition thereto. (Vote, unanimous yes)

Art. 2 Voted that the sum of $3,000.00 be transferred from available free cash in the treasury, for the construction of a sidewalk on Fuller Street. (Vote, unanimous yes)

Art. 3 Voted to amend the Town By-Laws by deleting therefrom the amendment adopted under Article 29 of the 1967 annual town meeting and adopting in its place the following section:

Art. 8 - Section 8 - All regular, full-time employees of the town, other than elected officers and those appointed by the school committee, who have been regularly employed by the town for a period of not less than fifty-two weeks, shall be given annually seven (7) days vacation without loss of pay; and all regular, full-time employees of the town, other than elected officers and those appointed by the school committee, who have been regularly employed by the town for not less than thirty (30) days shall not suffer loss of pay for failure to work upon the secular days during which the following holidays are celebrated; Christmas, New Years, Thanksgiving, Memorial Day, and Labor Day. (Vote, unanimous yes)

Art. 4 Voted to dissolve this meeting at 8:32 PM

Attest:

Robert D. Camp, Sr.
Town Clerk

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Hampshire ss.
To either of the Constables of the Town of Belchertown

Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town who are qualified to vote in Primaries to meet in Lawrence Memorial Hall, Jabish Street and Franklin School, Franklin Street, Belchertown. Tuesday, the Seventeenth Day of September, 1968, at one o'clock P.M., for the following purposes:

To bring in their votes to the Primary Officers for the Nomination of Candidates of Political Parties for the following offices:

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS ....Second Congressional District
COUNCILLOR ....Seventh Councillor "
SENATOR .... Worcester-Hampden-Hampshire Senatorial "
TWO REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT...... Second Hampshire Representative "
TWO COUNTY COMMISSIONER (except Nantucket and Suffolk Counties) Hampshire County
SHERIFF .... Hampshire County

VACANCIES

IN BARNSTABLE COUNTY: A Register of Probate .... - - - County
IN BERKSHIRE COUNTY: A County Treasurer .... - - - County
IN DUKES COUNTY: A County Treasurer .... - - - County
IN NORFOLK COUNTY: A County Commissioner .... - - - County
IN ESSEX NORTHERN DISTRICT: A Register of Deeds ...... - - - District
IN NORTHWESTERN DISTRICT: A District Attorney .... - - - District

The polls will be open from 1:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time of said meeting.

Given under our hands thie third day of September, A.D. 1968

Wm. Gerry Whitlock, Chmn.,
William H. Squires, Jr.,
Francis P. L ftus,
Herbert E. Squires,
Michael S. Mathras

Selectment of
Belchertown

A true copy. Attest: Ernest M. Gay, Constable.

Posted September 6, 1968.

(Republican) STATE PRIMARY (Democrat) September 17, 1968

	Name	Office	Prec. A	Prec. B	T
Democrat -	Edward P. Boland	Congressman (2nd District)	125	47	17
	Charles V. Ryan, Jr.	"	81	22	10
	Blanks		1	1	
	Total		207	70	27
	Walter F. Kelly	Councillor (7th District)	164	59	22
	Blanks		43	11	5
	Total		207	70	27
	Philip A. Quinn	Senator (Hampden-Worc.-Hamp.)	164	61	22
	Blanks		43	9	5
	Total		207	70	27
	James R. Nolen	Rep. in General Court (TWO)	164	64	22
	Edward F. Grabowski	" "	55	18	7
	Edward Mokrzecki	" "	14	6	2
	John W. Olver	" "	102	31	13
	Blanks		79	21	10
	Total		414	140	55
	John H. Breguet	County Commissioners (TWO)	68	12	8
	Janet R. Dugan	" "	98	19	11
	Edward M. O'Brien	" "	72	25	9
	James F. Ramsey	" "	21	7	2
	Raymond L. Skowyra	" "	83	50	13
	John R. Rudy	" "	2	0	
	Blanks		70	27	9
	Total		414	140	55
	John F. Boyle	Sheriff	172	62	23
	Blanks		35	8	4
	Total		207	70	27
	Edwin M. Podolak	District Attorney (N'West. Dist.)	175	62	23
	Blanks		32	8	4
	Total		207	70	27
Republican -	Frederick M. Whitney, Jr.	Congressman (2nd District)	135	5	14
	Blanks		39	1	4
	Total		174	6	18
	No candidate	Councillor			

John L. Cook	Senator	70	1	71
George A. Tetreault, Jr.	"	79	4	83
Blanks		25	1	26
Total		174	6	180
Charles F. Smith	Rep. in General Court (TWO)	72	1	73
William Gerry Whitlock	" "	159	6	165
Blanks		117	5	122
Total		348	12	360
Richard G. Bonneville	County Commissioners (TWO)	137	5	142
Blanks		211	7	218
Total		348	12	360
David A. Staples	Sheriff	1	0	1
Blanks		173	6	179
Total		174	6	180
Oscar Grife	Dist. Attorney (N'West. Dist.)	136	4	140
Blanks		38	2	40
Total		174	6	180

Total Ballots cast - Republican - 180 Democrat - 277

REGISTERED VOTERS AS OF AUGUST 17, 1968 - 10:00 P.M.

Prec.	Dem.	Rep.	Ind.	Totals
A	304	495	748	1647
B	87	38	177	302
A and B	391	533	925	1849

Attest: Robert D. Camp, Sr.
Town Clerk

arrant for Special Town Meeting October 21, 1968

monwealth of Massachusetts
pshire, ss.

any of the Constables of the
n of Belchertown, in said County

ETING:

the name of the Commonwealth assachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn all the inhabitants of the Town of Belchertown, qualified to vote in Town affairs, to meet at the Lawrence Memorial Hall, in said Belchertown, on Monday, the twenty-first day of October, A.D. 1968, at 7:30 o'clock in the evening, then and there to act on the following articles, viz:

Art. 1 To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, a sum of money for the permanent construction of Fish Hatchery Road, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 2 To see if the Town will vote to amend the By-Laws of the Town by deleting therefrom Article 1, Section 2, and adopting in its place the following section:

Article 1, Section 2. Notice of every town meeting shall be given by posting an attested copy of the warrant calling the same in the main entrance to the Lawrence Memorial Hall, and in at least five other public places in town, which shall include bulletin boards located at the intersection of Gulf Road and Amherst Road; at the intersection of Metacomet Street and Bay Road; at the intersection of Rockrimmon Street and Chauncy Walker Street; at the intersection of South Street and South Liberty Street; at the intersection of Depot Street and Keyes Street, and at Town Hall, not less than seven days before the day appointed for such meeting, and the return of the officer, stating the manner of notice, shall be endorsed on the warrant.

or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 3 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to appoint a five-member committee to investigate the sewer and water facilities in South Belchertown and to report the results of their findings and their recommendations for action at the next annual town meeting, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 4 To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof, one at Dwight, one at Metacomet Street, one on Turkey Hill Road, one on South Street, one on Depot Street, one at Town Hall, and one at Lawrence Memorial Hall, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk, at or before the time of holding said meeting.

GIVEN UNDER OUR HANDS, this 10th day of October, A.D. 1968.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Wm. Gerry Whitlock,
Chairman
William H. Squires, Jr.
Francis P. Loftus
Herbert E. Squires
Michael S. Mathras

To the Town Clerk:

The Town Meeting Warrant is returned herewith. The posting instructions contained in the warrant and in the Town By-Laws have been complied with.

Ernest M. Gay
Constable
October 11, 1968

A true copy

Attest:

Robert D. Camp, Sr.
Town Clerk

Action Taken by the Town Mee
Held October 21, 1968.

The regular elected moderator being absent, the meeting was called to order by the Town Clerk. 7:55 PM
Number of voters present 26

rum required 25
return of the warrant read by
own clerk

y Renouf was nominated and
imously elected as moderator
his meeting. Mr. Renouf was
n the oath of office by the town
.

. 1 Voted to appropriate and
sfer from available free cash
e treasury, the sum of
000.00 for the permanent con-
tion of a section of East Street,
referred to as Fish Hatchery
; $2,750.00 being the town's
e and $20,250.00 being the
nt allocated by the State under
Chapter 90 Funds - These funds
used in conjunction with the
00.00 already voted under Art.
the annual town meeting held
h 11, 1968 (Chapter 616, Acts
67) and $6,000.00 allocated
e County toward the permanent
ruction of so-called Fish Hat-
y Road. No portion of said
to be expended until the County
missioners shall layout as a
c way so-called Fish Hatchery
and that portion of East Street
northerly of so-called Fish
hery Road as is not now a public
(Vote, unanimous yes)

. 2 Voted to amend the Town B
aws by deleting therefromArt.
ection 2, and adopting in its
e the following section: Art. 1,
2 - Notice of every town meet-
hall be given by posting an at-
d copy of the warrant calling
ame in the main entrance
e Lawrence Memorial Hall, and
least five other public places
wn which shall include bulletin
ds located at the intersection of
Road and Amherst Road; at the
rsection of Metacomet Street
Bay Road; at the intersection of
rimmon Street and Chauncy
Walker Street; at the intersection of South Street and South Liberty Street; at the intersection of Depot Street and Keyes Street, and at Town Hall, not less than seven days before the day appointed for such meeting, and the return of the officer, stating the manner of notice, shall be endorsed on the warrant. (Vote, unanimous yes)

Art. 3 Voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to appoint a five member committee to investigate the sewer and water facilites in South Belchertown, and to report the results of their findings and recommendations for action at the next annual town meeting, or sooner. (Vote, unanimous yes)

Art. 4 Voted to dissolve this meeting at 8:05 PM.

A true copy

Attest:

Robert D. Camp, Sr.
Town Clerk
Town of Belchertown

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Town of Belchertown

Hampshire, S.S.

To any of the constables of the Town of Belchertown, in said county:

GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn all the inhabitants of the town of Belchertown, qualified to vote in the State Elections, to meet at the several polling places, in said Belchertown, designated by the Selectment, to wit:

In Precinct A, at Lawrence Memorial Hall on Jabish Street

In Precinct B, at Franklin School on Franklin Street

Tuesday, November 5, 1968 at eight (8) o'clock A.M. for the following purposes;

To bring in their votes to the election officers for the election of the following; Electors of President and Vice President; Representative in Congress; Councillor; Senator; Representative in General Court (2); County Commissioner (2); Sheriff, and District Attorney.

QUESTIONS

Question No. 1 PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION

Do you approve of the adoption of an amendment to the constitution summarized below, which was approved by the General Court in a joint session of the two branches held June 16, 1965 received 210 votes in the affirmative and 26 in the negative, and in a joint session of the two branches held May 10, 1967, received 220 votes in the affirmative and 9 in the negative?

Yes ________

No ________

SUMMARY

The proposed amendment of the Constitution increases from five days to ten days the period of time the Constitution gives the Governor to act upon measures passed by the Legislature and submitted to him for approval. No other changes are made in the several Constitutional provisions relative to action by the Governor upon such measures.

Question No. 2 PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION

Do you approve of the adoption of an amendment to the constitution summarized below, which was approved by the General Court in a joint session of the two branches held August 30, 1966, received 188 votes in the affirmative and 46 in the negative, and in a joint session of the two branches held May 10, 1967, received 174 votes in the affirmative and 78 in the negative?

Yes ________

No ________

SUMMARY

The proposed amendment of the Constitution authorizes the Legislature to impose an income tax graduated according to total income, and authorizes the granting of reasonable exemptions, deductions and abatements, as an alternative to the exercise of the Legislature's existing power to tax income under Article 44 of the Amendments to the Constitution. Without limiting the foregoing authorization, the proposed amendment permits any such tax to be imposed at a uniform percentage of an individual's federal income tax imposed at a uniform percentage of an individual's federal income tax liability or at graduated rates applied to his total income taxable federally, and it permits reasonable variations of any federal provision. It requires that the graduated rates, exemptions, and deductions be set without regard to the kind of income being taxed.

Question No. 3 PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION

Do you approve of the adoption of an amendment to the constitution summarized below, which was approved by the General Court in a joint session of the two branches held July 20, 1966, received 225 votes in the affirmative and 1 in the negative, and in a joint session of the two branches held June 15, 1967, received 210 votes in the affirmative and 2 in the negative?

Yes ________

No ________

SUMMARY

The proposed amendment of the Constitution defines the circumstances in which a Governor's inability to perform his functions shall cause his office to become vacant, and it establishes a procedure for making the necessary determinations. The office will become vacant following a declaration of disability by the Governor himself or by the Chief Justice and a majority of the Associate Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court, or such other body as the Legislature may provide. The vacancy will terminate four days after the Governor declares that no disability exists, unless (1) within that period the Chief Justice and majority of the Associate Justices, or such other body provided by the Legislature, should make a contrary declaration and (2) within another stated period the Legislature, by two-thirds of each branch present and voting, then determines the issue contrary to the Governor's declaration.

The same procedure will also apply to a Lieutenant Governor who in the case of a vacancy is performing the Governor's duties.

The proposed amendment also requires the election of a Governor for the unexpired balance of the four-year term if a vacancy in the office of Governor as described in the proposed amendment continues for a six-month period expiring more than five months prior to a biennial state election other than an election for Governor.

Question No. 4 LAW PROPOSED BY INIATIVE PETITION

Do you approve of a law sumarized below, upon which the House of Representatives did not vote and upon which the Senate did not vote?

Yes ______

No ______

SUMMARY

The proposed law provides that the official ballot in the biennial State election for the year 1970 shall contain a question asking the voters whether there shall be a convention in 1971 to (1) revise, alter or amend the constitution of the Commonwealth on the following subjects, insofar as they relate to the structure of government, and no others: the Executive Branch; the General Court; the Executive Council; the government of cities, towns and counties and their relationship to each other and to the government of the Commonwealth; (2) simplify and rearrange the constitution, and (3) provide methods of amendment thereof. The question will state that the convention shall not consider or propose any measure which relates to the Massachusetts Declaration of Rights, the provisions of the Massachusetts constitution concerning the "Judiciary Power" (other than provisions respecting the Executive Council), or any of the excluded matters enumerated in Article XLVIII, II, Section 2 of the Massachusetts constitution. The question will fix the number of delegates to the convention at 150, of whom 20 members shall be members of the General Court; the remaining 130 members shall be elected by the voters in the manner summarized below. The question will also state that the convention shall conclude its business not later than 120 days from its first session.

The proposed law provides that if a majority of the votes on the foregoing question is in the affirmative, the convention shall be held in July 1971 to revise, alter or amend the constitution on the matters enumerated above only. The House of Repsentatives and the Senate shall each elect as delegates 10 of its members, not more than 6 from each branch coming from the same political party. Of the remaining 130 delegates, 10 shall be elected at large and 120 shall be elected from the 40 senatorial districts, 3 from each. Provision is made for the manner of nominating and electing these 130 delegates, without party or political designation, for filling vacancies occurring in the position of any delegate, from whatever source chosen, and for the conduct of the convention's business.

Any revisions, alterations and amendments of the Massachusetts constitution adopted by the convention shall be submitted to the people at the State election in 1972 for their ratification and adoption in such manner as the convention may direct. If a majority of the people voting thereon ratify and adopt such revision, alteration or amendment, the contitution shall be deemed to be changed accordingly.

The proposed law also provides that if the vote on the question to be submitted at the biennial State election in 1970 is in the affirmative, the Governor shall appoint a preparatory commission of 5 members to compile data to aid the convention in the discharge of its duties. Each member of the commission shall receive compensation of $10,000 and the commission may expend a sum not in excess of $200,000, as the Governor may approve, for its expenses.

Question No. 5

A. Shall licenses be granted in this city (or town) for the sale therein of all alcoholic beverages (whiskey, rum, gin, malt beverages, wines and all other alcoholic beverges?

Yes
No

B. Shall licenses be granted in this city (or town) for the sale therein of wines and malt beverages (wines and beer, ale and all other malt beverages)?

Yes
No

C. Shall licenses be granted ir this city (or town) for the sale there of all alcoholic beverages in packag so called, not to be drunk on the pr mises?

Yes
No

D. Shall licenses be granted i this city (or town) for the sale of al alcoholic beverages by hotels havin a dining capacity of not less than ninety-nine persons and lodging capacity of not less than fifty room

Yes
No

Question No. 6

"Shall the commonwealth of Massachusetts retain capital punishment for crime?"

Yes
No

The polls will be open at eight (8) o'clock A.M. and will close at eigh (8) o'clock P.M., and you are directed to serve this warrant by post ing attested copies thereof at each the following places, one at Dwight one at Metacomet Street, one on Turkey Hill Road, one on South Str one on Depot Street, one at Town H and one at Lawrence Memorial Hall seven days at least before the time holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due retur this warrant with your doing thereo to the Town Clerk at or before the time of holding said meeting.

Given under our hands this
21st day of October,
A.D. 1968

BOARD OF SELECTME

Wm. Gerry Whitlock,
Chairman

William H. Squires, Jr.

Francis P. Loftus

Herbert E. Squires

Michael S. Mathras

To the Town Clerk:
The Town Meeting Warrant is returned herewith. The posting instructions contained in the warrant and in the Town By-Laws have been complied with.

Ernest M. Gay
Constable
Oct. 24, 1968
Date

State Election --- November 5, 1968

Polls opened in both Precincts A and B at 8:00 A.M. and closed at 8:00 P.M.

Office	Name		Prec. A	Prec. B	Total
Electors of Presidnt & Vice President					
	Blomen & Taylor	Soc.Lab.	-	1	1
	Humphrey & Muskie	Dem.	692	194	886
	Munn & Fisher	Pro.	1	1	2
	Nixon & Agnew	Rep.	613	57	670
	Wallace & Griffin	Ind.	122	22	144
		Blanks	16	3	19
		Totals	1444	278	1722
Congressman (2nd Dist.)					
	Edward P. Boland	Dem.	893	227	1120
	Frederick M. Whitney, Jr.	Rep.	506	42	548
		Blanks	45	9	54
		Totals	1444	278	1722
Councillor (7th Dist.)					
	Walter F. Kelly	Dem.	1063	213	1276
		Blanks	381	65	446
		Totals	1444	278	1722
Senator (Worc.-Hampden-Hampshire Dist.)					
	Philip A. Quinn	Dem.	788	203	991
	John L. Cook	Rep.	591	60	651
		Blanks	65	15	80
		Totals	1444	278	1722
Rep. in Gen. Court (2nd Hamp. Dist.) (Elect two)					
	James R. Nolen	Dem.	870	208	1078
	John W. Olver	Dem.	464	144	608
	Charles F. Smith	Rep.	317	29	346
	Wm. Gerry Whitlock	Rep.	927	108	1035
		Blanks	310	67	377
		Totals	2888	556	3444

County Commissioner (Elect two)					
John H. Breguet		Dem.	775	178	953
Richard G. Bonneville		Rep.	722	77	799
Edward M. O'Brien		Dem.	711	182	893
		Blanks	680	119	799
		Totals	2888	556	3444
Sheriff					
John F. Boyle		Dem.	1186	233	1419
		Blanks	258	45	303
		Totals	1444	278	1722
District Attorney (Northwestern Dist.)					
Oscar Grife		Rep.	700	61	761
Edwin M. Podolak		Dem.	685	198	883
		Blanks	59	19	78
		Totals	1444	278	1722
Question #1 (Amend constitution?)					
		Yes	860	119	979
		No	334	93	427
		Blanks	250	66	316
		Totals	1444	278	1722
Question #2 (Amend constitution?)					
		Yes	390	50	440
		No	841	174	1015
		Blanks	213	54	267
		Totals	1444	278	1722
Question #3 (Amend constitution?)					
		Yes	810	112	922
		No	332	85	417
		Blanks	302	81	383
		Totals	1444	278	1722
Question #4 (Proposed Iniative Petition?)					
		Yes	557	84	641
		No	445	100	545
		Blanks	442	94	536
		Totals	1444	278	1722
Question #5 (Liquor-Beer-Wine)					
All sales -	A	Yes	1027	198	1225
	A	No	262	34	296
	A	Blanks	155	46	201
	A	Totals	1444	278	1722
Wine-Beer-Malt	B	Yes	985	192	1177
	B	No	241	33	274
	B	Blanks	218	53	271
	B	Totals	1444	278	1722

Package all alcoholic	C	Yes	985	190	1175
	C	No	236	34	270
	C	Blanks	223	54	277
	C	Totals	1444	278	1722
All alcoholic-hotels	D	Yes	962	185	1147
	D	No	245	31	276
	D	Blanks	237	62	299
	D	Totals	1444	278	1722
tion #6 (Capital punishment?)					
		Yes	754	150	904
		No	491	62	553
		Blanks	199	66	265
		Totals	1444	278	1722

umber of ballots cast November 5, 1968

recinct A - - - - 1444
recinct B - - - - 278
own total - - - - 1772

87% vote for the town.

Registered Voters as of November 5, 1968

	Precinct A	Precinct B	Totals
endent	749	165	914
blican	539	37	576
crat	374	114	488
Totals	1662	316	1978

Attest: Robert D. Camp, Sr.
Town Clerk

DISSTON-PORT

Instructor Mr. Menard discusses shop problem with the boys.

General Information
Annual Town Meeting

Elections..............	1st Monday in March
Appropriations.........	2nd Monday in March

Tax Rate

$ 41.00	
General...	$ 15.21
School....	25.79
	$ 41.00

School Population

Elementary.........	595
Junior High.........	224
Senior High.........	300
	1119

Assessed Valuation

Real Estate	$16,272,040.00	$15,833,070.00	$438,970.00
Personal Property	1,152,750.00	1,102,570.00	50,180.00
	$17,424,790.00	$16,935,640.00	$ 489,150.00

U.S. Senators

Edward M. Kennedy
Senate Office Building
Washington, D. C.

Edward W. Brooke
Senate Office Building
Washington, D. C.

U.S. Representative

Edward P. Boland
House Office Building
Washington, D. C.

State Senator

Philip A. Quinn
Spencer, Massachusetts

State Representatives

James R. Nolen
Ware, Massachusetts

John W. Olv
Amherst,
Massachus

County Commissioners

Office - Court Building, Northampton, Mass.

John H. Breguet, Chairman
Williamsburg, Massachusetts

Edward M. O'Brien
Easthampton, Massachusetts

Hiram Brownel
Northampton,
Massachusetts

County Officers

Judge of Probate and Insolvency
Hon. Harry Jekanowski

Register of Probate and Insolvency
Frank E. Tuit, II

Sheriff
John F. Boyle

Register of Deeds
Robert F. Czelusniak

Clerk of Courts
Salvatore A. Polito

County Treasurer
Howard A. Banner

District Attorney
Northwestern District

Oscar Grife

AT YOUR SERVICE

FIRE EMERGENCY: REPORT FIRE......323-7500
For Other Purposes... 323-7571
POLICE EMERGENCY..................323-6655
For Other Purposes... 323-6685
AMBULANCE SERVICE.................323-6685

TOWN DEPARTMENTS:	LOCATION	TELEPHONE
Selectmen	Lawrence Memorial Hall Selectmen's Hours Monday evenings - 7-10 P.M.	323-6902
Town Accountant	Lawrence Memorial Hall	323-6902
Town Treasurer	Lawrence Memorial Hall	323-6901
Town Clerk	Lawrence Memorial Hall	323-6901
Tax Collector	Lawrence Memorial Hall	323-6901
Collector's Hours	Mon.-Fri. 8:30-12:00 & 1:00-5:30 Monday evenings 6:30-8:30	
Board of Assessors	Lawrence Memorial Hall	323-7541
Planning Board	Lower Lawrence Memorial Hall	
Cemetery Commissioners	Lower Lawrence Memorial Hall	
Board of Appeals	Lower Lawrence Memorial Hall	
Finance Committee	Lower Lawrence Memorial Hall	
Board of Health	Lower Lawrence Memorial Hall	
Civil Defense	Lower Lawrence Memorial Hall	323-6939
Dog Officer		323-7495
Highway Department	Town Garage - Jabish Street	323-7751
Belchertown Welfare Service	Main Street	323-6380
Pumping Station	Johnson Street	323-6987

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

Superintendents Office	Clapp Memorial Library	323-6340
New Junior-Senior High School	Three Rivers Rd.	323-6941
Cold Spring School	South Main St.	323-7581
Memorial School	Main Street	323-7042
Franklin School	Bondsville Rd.	283-5031
Center School		323-7531

Building, wiring and plumbing permits at Selectmen's Office
Monday through Friday - 1:00 to 4:00 P.M.

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Using Library at Cold Spring School

COME OUT OF THE SHADOWS

Fingers are flying in Miss Fitzgerald's typing class.

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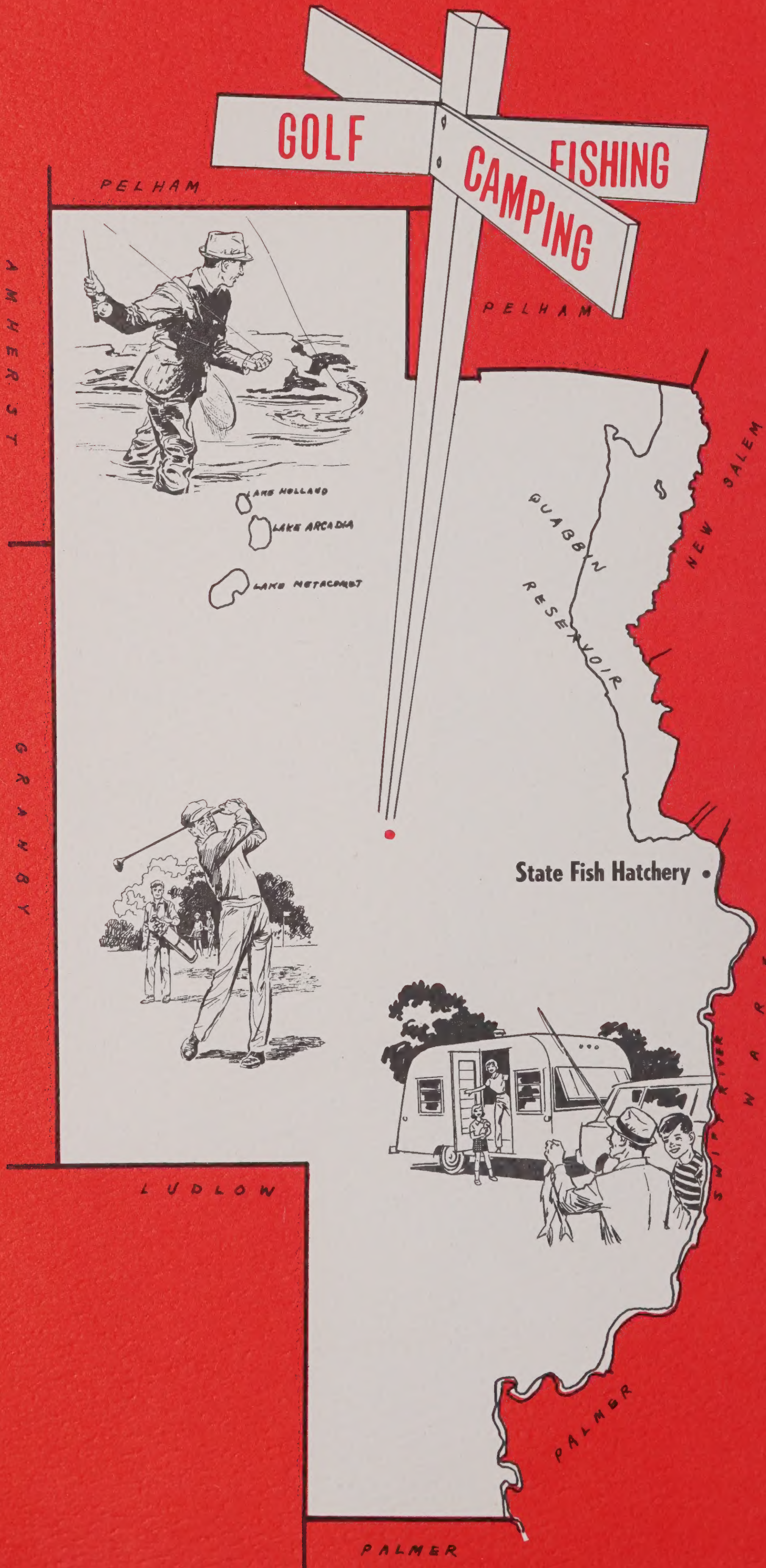
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GRANBY
State Fish Hatchery
WARE
SWIFT RIVER
LUDLOW
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annual report

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Annual Report of the
Town of Belchertown
Year ending December 31, 1969

In Memoriam

BELDING F. JACKSON
Dec. 29, 1899—Oct. 6, 1969
Graduate—B.H.S. and Massachusetts Agricultural College (UMASS)
Teacher—B.H.S., Mass. Agricultural College, Commerce
High School, Springfield
(English and Journalism)
Administrator—Classical and Technical High Schools
(Assistant Principal)
Columnist—The Steeple Soliloquizes, weekly feature in
Belchertown Sentinel
Veteran—Mason—Legionnaire—Deacon of his Church

"Listen to the old clock below me—
Tick, tick, tick.
It has counted off another week
of our lives."

—Bob Jackson

Town Officers 1969

Elected Officers

Name	Term Expires
Moderator	
Charles W. Jackson	1970
Town Clerk	
Robert D. Camp, Sr.	1970
Board of Selectmen	
Wm. Gerry Whitlock	1971
Michael S. Mathras	1971
William H. Squires, Jr.	1970
Herbert E. Squires	1870
Mrs. Eleanor L. Schmidt	1972
Treasurer	
Robert D. Camp, Sr.	1970
Tax and Town Collector	
Robert D. Camp, Sr.	1971
School Committee	
Harold W. Willey, Chmn.	1970
Mrs. Betty Jean Jackson	1970
Richard D. Pratt	1971
Mrs. Dorothy A. Rhodes	1972
Lloyd C. Chadbourne, Jr.	1972
Planning Board	
Raymond V. Burke, Chmn.	1970
Sidney W. Wheeler	1971
Donald S. Cole	1972
George H. Foster	1973
Stanford J. Harrington	1974
Cemetery Commissioners	
Edward L. Fuller, Chmn.	1972
Roy P. Reece, Jr.	1970
Edmond A. Blaine	Resigned
Board of Assessors	
Harold B. Ketchen, Chmn.	1970
Isaac A. Hodgen	1971
Samuel J. Joyal	1972
Housing Authority	
Hudson Holland, Chmn.	1971
James B. Baker	1970
H. Morgan Ryther	1973
Mrs. Edna H. Camp	1974
Harold W. Curtis (Appointed)	1972
Tree Warden	
Albert W. Brown	1970
Sewer Commissioners	
D. Donald Hazen, Chmn.	1971
Harry L. Brougham	1970
Peter A. Whittaker	1972
Board of Health	
Kenneth L. Collard, M.D., Chmn.	1970
Charlotte P. Ketchen, R.N.	1971
James A. Bonafini, Sr.	1972
Regional Vocational School District Committee	
David A. Staples	1972
Almoners—Whiting Street and Susan M. D. Bridgman Funds	
Mrs. Ruth B. Fuller	1970
Mrs. Sophia M. Pero	1970
Trustees, Calvin Bridgman Fund	
D. Donald Hazen	1970
Sidney W. Wheeler	1971
George A. Poole	1972

Appointed Officers

Town Accountant	
Mrs. Pauline C. Johnson	3—31—72
Assistant Town Clerk and Treasurer	
Mrs. Margaret S. Kirby	3—9—70 and 7—16—70
Deputy Collectors	
Oren K. Gilbert	12—31—70
Mrs. Margaret S. Kirby	12—31—70
Finance Committee	
Kenneth H. Main, Chmn.	1970
Stanley F. Rhodes	1970
Arthur J. Moriarty	1971
Donald R. Laporte	1971
Edward H. Gates	1972
Samuel J. Joyal	Resigned
Board of Registrars	
Helen M. Rhodes, Chmn.	1971
Mary T. Vanasse	1972
Arthur H. Brennen	1970
Appeals Board	
Henry Renouf, Chmn.	1972
Walter J. Carmody	1971
Donald Perham	1970
Joseph Tolpa, Assoc. Member	1971
Charles F. Howard, Assoc. Member	1970
Chief of Police	
Ernest M. Gay	1970
Deputy Chief of Police	
Andrew T. Sears	1970
Fire Chief and Forest Warden	
Louis E. Fuller	1970
Superintendent of Streets	
Albert L. LePage	1970
Sealer of Weights and Measures	
Royal K. Gay	1970
Veterans Service Agent	
Earl F. Henrichon	1970
Supt. Insect Pest Control	
Albert W. Brown	1972
Dog Officer	
Wallace F. Chevalier	1970
Town Counsel	
Paul T. Ford, Attorney	1970
Inspector of Wiring	
Walter J. Henry	1970

Zoning By-Law Enforcement Officer

Henry R. Bleau	1970
John H. Reed	Resigned

Veteran's Graves Officer

Milton Butler	1970

Civil Defense Director

Chester F. Dzwonkowski	1970

C.D. Radio Officer

Leonard H. Syriac	1970

C.D. Radio Operator

Florian Czupkiewicz	1970
Ernest C. Reed	1970
Robert H. Phoenix	1970

Rationing Board

Andrew T. Sears	1970
William H. Squires, Jr.	1970
Edward H. Gates	Resigned

Public Weigher

Joseph Tolpa, Jr.	1970
Rudolph Smola	1970
Robert G. Anderson	1970

Police Officer (all) 1970

Ernest M. Gay	Andrew T. Sears
Merton L. Pratt	Randolph H. Brown
Elmer M. Potter	Julius J. Matusko
John H. Reed	Robert G. Anderson
Edward S. Czech	Lester M. Beaudoin
Parker Ketchen	Robert D. Dubuque
Raymond E. Breton (Resigned)	Elizabeth Schmidt (Resigned)
Edward A. Gallerani	Mrs. Pauline C. Johnson
Alexander M. Cochrane	

Special Police (all) 1970

School Traffic	Mrs. Lillian Austin
School Traffic	Mrs. Irene C. Dubuque
School Traffic	James R. Lodge

Swift River Sportsmans Club

Ralph Goodreau	Claude Clark
Floyd E. Sieczlowski	

Robin Farm Camping Area

Henry Renouf

Fair Day

A. Preston Atwood	Richard I. Cole, Jr.
Stanley Antonovitch	Isaac A. Hodgen

Constable

Ernest M. Gay	Andrew T. Sears

Field Driver and Pound Keeper

Owens W. Taylor	1970

Conservation Commission

Edward O. Lofland, Chmn.	1970
E. Holand Low	1970
Sherman Gould	1970
Harold E. Mellin	1970
Louis LaFramboise	1970
Albert Brighenti, Assoc. Member	1970
Albert W. Brown, Assoc. Member	1970

Parks and Recreation Committee

Mrs. Louise M. Barrett	1970
Michael P. Forgue	1970
Loren D. Shumway	1970
Mrs. Joan P. Fuller	1970
Mrs. Joan N. Poole	1970
Robert Klouda	Resigned
Joseph R. Chadbourne	Resigned

War Memorial Committee

Isaac A. Hodgen, Chmn.	1972
Frederick E. Lincoln	1972
Carl Peterson	1971
Mrs. Alice Samborski	1971
William H. Squires, Jr.	1970
Roy F. Whidden	1970

Town Manager or Executive Secretary Committee

J. Bernard Bowler	Alfred C. Drew
William R. Malmstedt	Edward H. Parker
Frank E. Farrington, Jr.	

Board of Health Appointments

Special Agent at BSS	Lawrence P. Bowser, M.D.
Sanitarian	John A. Brickett
Inspector of Animals	Lewis J. Austin
Slaughtering Inspector	Adam L. Antonovitch
Plumbing and Gas Inspector	Delmore A. Lajeunesse
Report Clerk	Mrs. Doris S. Squires

Development and Industrial Commission

William H. Squires, Jr.	1970
Patrick Kamins	1970
Donald K. Shaw	1970
Kenneth H. Snow	1971
Sidney W. Wheeler	1971
Roy H. King, Sr.	1972
Harvey M. Dickinson	1972
Daniel J. Kelly	1973
Peter S. Galuszka	1973
Wm. Gerry Whitlock	Resigned
Chester A. Pinkos	Resigned

Community Action Committee

Mrs. Charlotte P. Ketchen	1970
Mrs. Ann Austin	1970
Francis P. Loftus	1970
Sidney W. Wheeler	1970
Belding F. Jackson	Deceased

Jr.-Sr. High School Construction Committee

Isaac A. Hodgen, Chmn.	Walter L. Papp
Clifford E. Holt	David A. Staples
John V. Nelson, Sec.	John B. Curry, Jr., Supt., (Ex officio)

Regional School District Study Committee (1970)

Mrs. Ruth C. Johnston	Miles Hubler
Milton Butler	George Smith, Jr.
High K. Hubbard, Jr.	

Committee to Investigate Sewer and Water Facilities in South Part of Belchertown

John W. Avery	Mrs. Jane M. Kubacki

Regional School District Planning Committee

(Committee authorized November 10, 1969, appointments not reported during 1969)

Selectmen's Report

The Board of Selectmen submits its Annual Report for the year ending December 31, 1969.

It is our hope that you, as interested residents of Belchertown, will read the reports of the various Town committees and boards which are contained in your Annual Town Report. Many long hours have been spent by these boards or committees in trying to make Belchertown a better place in which to live, and also to improve the outlook of our community as a whole.

We, as Selectmen, have tried to look to the future as to the expansion and growth as we see it in years to come.

In order to get the full value of the prospective growth, we have continued our joint meetings with the surrounding Towns, and have met during the year 1969 with the Selectmen of Palmer, Ware, Granby, Amherst, and Pelham; both at home and in their respective Towns.

It appears that Belchertown is now on the edge of a very important growth factor, basically due to the increased growth at the University of Massachusetts, and due secondly to the influx of people moving from the cities to our rural areas.

We are already in the "apartment house growth" era, and we are sure that this will continue in the future. Whether we like apartments or not, they are contributing greatly to our tax relief, and they also bring more revenue to the business district.

Other areas in which we have tried to concentrate our efforts have included encouragement of the location of new business and small industries in our Town. We have met with all interested, prospective parties and have tried to encourage them to locate here in Belchertown.

In order to improve our outlook, such programs have been initiated as the extending and enlarging of the water mains by the Water District and the Town's project of tying in to the Amherst water system along Route 9 by running an eight inch main approximately 1,000 feet in to Belchertown (in an area which is presently zoned business). Being nearest Amherst, it has the greatest potential growth factor.

We are also in the process of establishing a nine-Town regional Economic Development Committee, which will enable us, when qualified, to receive Federal funding for certain projects related to business and industry, and allow those businesses or industries to receive a lower rate of interest on loans if they locate in those communities belonging to the district. These projects are slow and very time-consuming, but we have had the full cooperation of all the Towns involved in setting up this District.

We realize that with the increased demand for services which is required by the growth of our community, our ever-increasing tax rate will continue to rise. With this well in mind, we feel that the only way in which we can off-set such increases is by instituting better programs and running these programs by a tighter control and getting as much for our dollar as we possibly can.

The most encouraging news in these past months was the statement by the owners of the Quabbin Industries of their intent to build a new plant, which they propose to locate along George Hannum Road here in Belchertown. We have already taken the initiative by reconstructing the first phase of George Hannum Road and will do whatever is necessary in the way of providing utilities for this project. Quabbin Industries now employs in the vicinity of 128 people, most of whom reside in Belchertown.

The Charles L. McLaughlin State Fish Hatchery, in which the Town was involved by building a new section of road in to this installation, has reported that well in excess of 50,000 people signed the guest registration book this past year. The amount of traffic in to the Quabbin Reservoir area runs in the vicinity of 100,000 people a year. These people certainly require and pay for some services while visiting these major installations.

The Board welcomed Mrs. Eleanor L. Schmidt, the second woman to be elected a Selectman in the history of Belchertown, during this past year. We continued the program of subdividing to act as liason to various Town departments.

We are now in the process of studying the water and sewer conditions which exist in the south end of Belchertown, and have been advised by the Water Resources Commission that we must institute a program no later than April 1970, to correct these conditions. We have appointed a committee, which has met with the newly—formed Bondsville Water District. Their report has been returned and will be found in this Annual Report.

We have met with appointed Town officials and committees in order to keep us abreast of their activities and to make whatever changes are recommended and necessary. We feel that more joint meetings should be held so that we can work as a team rather than each group going in a different direction.

In viewing the budgets submitted for 1970, it leaves us with a great deal of concern for all of us who are taxpayers in the community. Yet, where does one draw the line in helping to provide for the growth of our community and the necessary improvements. Such things as police, fire, highways, recreation, education, utilities and administration will either have to continue to grow, come to a standstill, or revert to a previous level. Which one of these items is to receive priority? Our only hope is that we can make the right decision—the one that will be best for the future of Belchertown.

We would like to thank all those who have helped and worked for our community during 1969, and hope that you will continue to do so in the years to come.

Looking forward to seeing you at the Annual Town Meeting.

From the Chairman

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As the year draws to a close and I look back over the activities not only of the Board of Selectmen but of all Town elected and appointed boards, I can see a great gap in the lack of communication and cooperation between some departments.

We are all elected or appointed Town officials and have accepted these positions. It is our responsibility to fulfill the requirements of the job which we are required to do. In order for our Town functions to be successful, we must try to do our utmost to iron out our differences.

I bring this to your attention because of those of you who may be thinking of entering public service. It is important that you devote the required effort necessary to do your job to the best of your ability.

As stated in the Selectmen's Report, we feel that Belchertown is starting to have growing pains. There has been an increase in building permits. (Approximately $827,000.00 value issued in 1969.) We are confronted with trying to do all possible to entice business, industry, and home owners to move to our community. Without the increased growth, we know that taxes will increase drastically each year, and we will slowly bury ourselves with an intolerable property tax.

I hope that those who read my comments will not take it as a personal affront against any individual or group, but these conditions must be cleared up and aired if we are going to get a good job accomplished.

We are all trying to the best of our ability, and I hope that you, as citizens, will join with us and give your recommendations and ideas so that we can put them into effect and make Belchertown a better place to live in.

Annual Report of the Cemetery Commission

The Cemetery Commission met early in March and organized with the following officers: Chairman—Edward L. Fuller, Clerk—Roy P. Reece, Jr., and Edmund Blaine—third member.

In 1969 the Commission was quite active. The major accomplishment was the erection of a new addition to the tool shed in Mt. Hope Cemetery. It is hoped that in 1970 we will be able to tear down the old building, and add to the new addition. This new building is of cement block and should be relatively free from maintenance and vandalism damage.

We are becoming quite concerned with the increased number of broken stones and other types of vandalism in our cemeteries. We hope that 1970 will bring no damage of this type to our cemeteries.

Late in 1969 Edmund Blaine submitted his resignation, and we hope to fill this position in the near future.

SouthCemetery received some more work this summer, with rough grading being done in another section. This section will provide approximately 40 more lots.

In 1969 we had 29 burials and turned over to the town treasurer $3,348.50 received from sale of lots and opening fees.

Respectfully submitted,
Edward L. Fuller
Roy P. Reece, Jr.

Report of Town Accountant

To the Board of Selectmen:

I hereby submit my annual report of receipts and expenditures for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1969:

RECEIPTS

GENERAL REVENUE		
Taxes		
Current year		
Real Estate	$710,087.97	
Personal Property	50,785.84	
Previous years		
Real Estate	25,844.13	
Personal Property	2,539.55	
Other Local Taxes		
Current year		
Farm Animal	957.10	
Previous years		
Farm Animal	119.78	
Trailer Tax	1,296.00	
Tax Title Redemptions	6,918.33	
		$798,548.70
From the State		
Loss of Taxes	11,958.74	
Valuation Basis	19,109.27	
Machinery Basis	2,241.49	
State		
Loss of Taxes	11,958.74	
Valuation Basis	19,109.27	
Machinery Basis	2,241.49	
State Tax Basis	29,610.00	
M.D.C—In Lieu of Taxes	1,466.12	
Chapter 70	148,712.87	
		213,098.49
LICENSES AND PERMITS		
Licenses		
All Alcoholic	3,625.00	
All Other	1,480.00	
Permits		
Marriage	110.00	
		5,215.00
FINES AND FORFEITS		
Court	1,225.00	
		1,225.00

GRANTS AND GIFTS		
Grants from Federal Government		
E.S.E.A.—Title I	5,154.00	
N.D.E.A.—Title III	2,200.26	
N.D.E.A.—Title V	878.00	
P.L. 874, Title I	12,876.00	
Medical Assistance	413.94	
		21,522.20
Grants from the State		
High School Tuition and Transportation	45,407.01	
Vocational Education Transportation	4,305.24	
School Lunch Aid	19,273.34	
School Building Assistance	34,666.79	
Chapter 69, Spec. Ed.	8,693.82	
Chapter 81	327.90	
Library Aid	1,296.50	
		113,970.60
Grants from the County		
Dog Fund	541.27	
		541.27
COMMERCIAL REVENUE		
Special Assessments		
Sewers		
Current year	5,726.02	
Previous years	501.26	
Apportioned	33.75	
		6,261.03
PRIVILEGES		
Motor Vehicle Excises		
Current year	80,843.50	
Previous years	10,253.03	
		91,096.53
DEPARTMENTAL		
General Government		
Treasurer		
Administration State Withholding	69.36	
Collector		
Penalties & Costs	1,018.50	
Town Clerk		
Fees	1,562.75	
Board of Appeals		
Hearing fees	100.00	
Zoning Officer		
Permit fees	167.00	
Lawrence Memorial Hall		
Rental fees	10.00	
Old Town Hall		
Vending Machine receipts	21.45	
		2,949.06
PUBLIC SAFETY		
Police Department		
Licenses & Accident reports	627.00	
Fire Department	11.00	
Sealer of Weights & Measures	157.86	
Dog Officer Fees	1,340.00	
		2,135.86

HEALTH AND SANITATION		
Licenses and Permits	91.00	
		91.00
HIGHWAYS		
Chapter 90 Construction	20,250.00	
Chapter 90 Maintenance	10,000.00	
Chapter 616	6,281.12	
Snow and Sanding	1,994.54	
Road Machinery Expense	10,619.15	
		49,144.81
PUBLIC ASSISTANCE		
Medical Assistance	1,578.61	
General Relief	19.18	
		1,597.79
VETERANS' SERVICES	3,394.75	
		3,394.75
SCHOOLS		
Tuition of State Wards	4,338.26	
Transportation of State Wards	770.97	
Tuition from Municipalities	600.00	
Sale of Lunches	44,408.20	
Athletic Accounts	1,218.75	
Damages to School Property	38.95	
Other	92.70	
		51,467.83
LIBRARIES		
Book fines	20.85	
From Trust	399.59	
		420.44
UNCLASSIFIED		
Rental of properties not used for municipal purposes	210.00	
Accounts Receivable—Damages and Miscellaneous	2,102.30	
		2,312.30
CEMETERIES		
Sale of lots	560.00	
Care of lots	1,404.50	
All other	1,420.00	
		3,384.50
INTEREST		
On Deposits	1,705.03	
On Taxes & Assessments	1,616.42	
On Group Insurance	685.41	
All other	529.89	
		4,536.75
MUNICIPAL INDEBTEDNESS		
Anticipation of Revenue	350,000.00	
		350,000.00
AGENCY, TRUST & INVESTMENT		
Agency		
Sporting Licenses—State	3,073.50	
Dog Licenses—County	2,050.75	
Payroll Deductions		
Federal Withholding	111,049.20	
Retirement	8,164.62	
State Withholding	20,797.57	
B.C—B.S., Employees	10,045.04	
B.C.—B.S., Pensioners	121.84	
B.C.—B.S., O.M.E.	767.92	
Group Insurance	1,029.48	
Insurance Reserve	606.16	
Trust		
Perpetual Care Fund	2,106.84	
Susan M.D. Bridgman, Income	2,187.50	
Whiting Street Fund	403.52	
Nellie E. Brown Cemetery Fund	40.00	
		162,443.94
REFUNDS		
Health and Sanitation		
Premature Birth Reimbursement	436.32	
Highways	452.25	
Veterans' Benefits	22.22	
Schools	36.50	
Parks, Beach & Recreation	50.00	
Teachers Annuities	9.05	
Insurance Account	48.00	
Blue Cross—Blue Shield	2,093.39	
Petty Cash Refunds	435.00	
Medical Assistance Recovery	439.32	
		4,022.05
TOTAL CASH CARRIED FORWARD, JANUARY 1, 1969		264,017.20
GRAND TOTAL RECEIPTS AND CASH ON HAND		$2,153,397.10

EXPENDITURES

GENERAL GOVERNMENT		
Selectmen, Salaries	$4,200.00	
Expenses:		
Clerical Salary	2,550.00	
Clerical wages	14.88	
Telephone	396.52	
Office expenses	232.82	
Assoc. dues	171.36	
Assoc. meeting expenses	337.27	
Mileage	372.15	$8,275.00
Article III, Dry Copy Machine		755.00
Article IV, Check Dispensing Machine		750.00
Town Accountant, Salary	2,450.00	
Expenses:		
Office expenses	283.55	
Assoc. dues	6.00	
Assoc. meeting expenses	142.58	
Clerical wages	7.00	
Mileage	39.04	
New equipment	401.64	3,329.81
Treasurer, Salary	2,700.00	
Expenses:		
Clerical wages	1,403.88	
Assoc. dues	6.00	
Assoc. meeting expenses	19.56	
Postage	305.00	
Bond	195.00	
Office expenses	164.47	
Deeds	44.50	4,940.00
Collector, Salary	2,900.00	
Expenses:		
Clerical wages	1,191.38	
Assoc. dues	13.00	
Bonds	396.00	
Deeds	12.00	
Office expenses	384.03	

Postage	466.75	
Mileage	54.10	
Assoc. expenses	16.69	5,433.95
Assessors, Salaries	1,600.00	
Expenses:		
Clerical wages	2,356.10	
Maintaining valuation	1,901.00	
Assoc. dues	21.00	
Telephone	162.20	
Office expenses	430.69	
Transfers and deeds	119.40	
Assoc. meeting expenses	184.40	
New equipment	150.50	
Mileage	162.80	
All other	10.00	7,098.09
Finance Committee		
Assoc. meeting expenses	55.00	
Assoc. dues	30.00	
Adding machine	125.55	
All other	27.50	238.05
Town Clerk, Salary	1,300.00	
Expenses:		
Clerical wages	474.00	
Assoc. dues	19.00	
Telephone	175.00	
Office expenses	245.36	
Bonds	20.00	
Mileage	42.93	
P.B. Meter	76.05	
All other	2.66	2,355.00
Law Account		
Retainer	800.00	
Law books	241.00	
Court judgement	100.00	
All other	120.30	1,261.30
Election and Registration		
Clerical wages	195.75	
Salary—Clerk	100.00	
Registrars wages	307.00	
Election officers	450.00	
Janitor	29.50	
Police	63.00	
Printing and adv.	193.50	
Street listing	513.30	
Office expenses	70.04	
Constable fees	30.00	
All other	40.47	
Mileage	12.36	2,004.92
Planning Board		
Assoc. dues	40.00	
Professional services	125.00	
Legal expenses	50.00	
Advertising expenses	23.00	
All other	58.19	296.19
Lower Pioneer Valley Regional Planning District		290.88
Board of Appeals		
Advertising expenses	78.65	78.65
Zoning By-Law Officer, Salary	300.00	
Expenses	136.20	436.20
Conservation Commission		
Expenses:		
Maps	357.50	
Assoc. dues	25.00	382.50
Industrial and Development Commission		
Expenses:		
File	20.00	
All other	15.00	35.00
Lawrence Memorial Hall		
Expenses:		
Janitor	720.00	
Gas	143.00	

Electricity	340.66	
Carpet	372.00	
Air conditioner	239.95	
Care of grounds	85.90	
Repairs (outside)	800.00	
Maintenance & repairs (inside)	1,034.57	3,736.08
Town Garage		
Expenses:		
Telephone	145.75	
Water	35.61	
Fuel	521.88	
Electricity	43.01	
All other	7.38	753.64
Police Department		
Chief's salary	7,107.20	
Expenses:		
All officers wages	19,366.21	
New base set	701.00	
Cruiser lights	170.00	
Gas and oil	2,099.76	
Radio service	124.82	
Assoc. dues	30.50	
Vehicle repairs and maintenance	850.32	
Telephone	751.52	
Office supplies	247.08	
Legal expenses	1,150.00	
Mileage	351.94	
All other	532.09	33,547.31
Police Cruiser, Article 19		1,505.00
Fire Department		
Chief's Salary	600.00	
Expenses:		
Assoc. dues	20.00	
Telephone	429.95	
Electricity	180.94	
Fuel	410.07	
New radios	1,726.77	
Repairs & replacements	776.90	
Permits	70.00	
All other	142.79	4,357.42
Forest Fire Account		1,454.25
Hydrant Service		3,000.00
New Water Main Account		3,000.00
Materials	958.23	
Wages	263.00	
Hired Equipment	1,374.50	2,595.73
New Water Main Extension		
Materials	972.24	972.24
Insect Pest Control		
Wages	20.00	
Hired equipment	688.50	
Materials	90.00	798.50
Dutch Elm Disease		
Wages	832.00	
Hired equipment	465.00	1,297.00
Tree Warden		
Wages	930.00	
Hired equipment	782.50	
Assoc. dues	7.00	
Trees	280.00	1,999.50
Inspector of Wiring, Salary		300.00
Sealing Weights and Measures		300.00
Salary	250.00	
Expenses	50.00	300.00
Dog Officer—Fees		
Care and custody	1,360.00	
Destroying dogs	156.00	1,516.00
Dog Officer Expense		
Investigations	196.00	
All other	23.50	

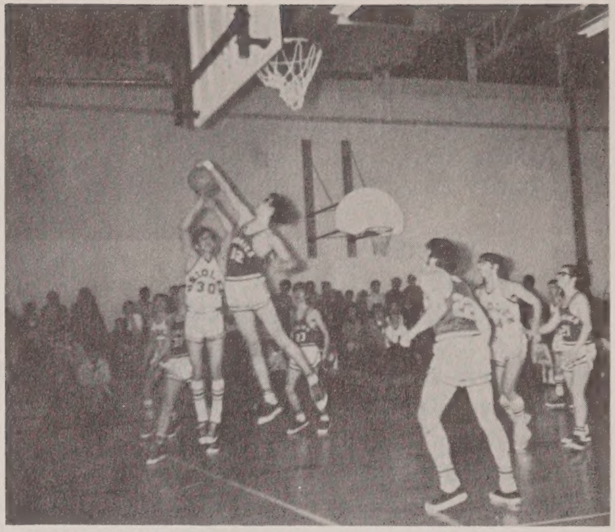
Civil Defense, Salary	300.00	
Expenses:		
Telephone	93.20	
All other	24.50	417.70
Board of Health, Salaries	350.00	
Expenses:		
Clerk of Inf. Diseases	52.00	
Animal Inspector	300.00	
Plumbing Inspector	300.00	
Slaughter Inspector	30.00	
Sanitarian wages	600.00	
Sanitarian expenses	225.00	
Pest control	108.00	
Assoc. dues	6.00	
Mental health	700.00	
Clinic expenses	729.15	
All other	230.71	3,630.86
Sewer Commissioners, Salaries	650.00	
Sewer Maintenance		
Wages	1,249.50	
Hired equipment	1,052.25	
Materials	541.82	
1968 & 1969 Sewer disposal bills	15,015.82	
All other	96.26	18,605.65
Town Dump		
Caretakers wages	960.00	
Other wages	126.90	
Bulldozing	460.00	
Materials	36.90	
Hired equipment	411.00	1,994.80
Highways, Chapter 81		
Wages	10,960.03	
Insurance	606.16	
Town equipment	6,046.41	
Hired equipment	5,132.25	
Materials	9,760.85	
All other	569.30	33,075.00
Highways, Chapter 90 C, 1967		
Wages	511.88	
Town equipment	192.55	
Hired equipment	255.54	
Materials	71.25	1,031.22
Highways, Chapter 90 C, 1968		
Wages	812.11	
Town equipment	71.60	
Hired equipment	126.00	
Materials	429.00	1,438.71
Highways, Chapter 90 C, 1969		
Wages	1,983.91	
Town equipment	813.59	
Hired equipment	428.35	
Materials	26,875.16	30,101.01
Highways, Chapter 90 C, Special (1968 and 1969)		
Wages	3,582.59	
Town equipment	1,726.40	
Hired equipment	2,298.50	
Materials	8,851.39	16,458.88
Highways, Chapter 90 M		
Wages	6,725.04	
Town equipment	1,248.10	
Hired equipment	1,580.43	
Materials	8,447.04	18,000.61
Highways, Chapter 616 (With 90 C, Special)		
Hired equipment	11.25	
Wages	219.70	
Town equipment	80.60	311.55
Highways, Chapter 616, East St.		
Wages	365.36	
Town equipment	119.65	
Hired equipment	1,718.75	
Materials	512.13	2,715.89
Highways, Chapter 616, Federal Street		
Wages	1,597.34	
Town equipment	295.75	
Hired equipment	186.00	
Materials	1,421.00	3,500.09
Highways, General		
Wages	6,205.62	
Hired equipment	1,522.25	
Materials	3,775.74	
Surveying	340.80	
Signs	360.25	
All other	342.71	12,547.37
Highways, Winter Employment		
Wages	4,981.06	
Hired equipment	1,007.25	5,988.31
Highways, Brushcutting		
Wages	1,138.00	
Hired equipment	1,361.00	2,499.00
Highways, Allen Street		
Wages	546.22	
Hired equipment	187.50	
Materials	466.05	1,199.77
Highways, Bardwell Street		
Wages	239.58	
Materials	960.23	1,199.81
Highways, Daniel Square		
Wages	245.32	
Materials	1,054.04	1,299.36
Highways, Gold Street		
Wages	400.83	
Hired equipment	255.25	
Materials	543.92	1,200.00
Highways, Michael Sears Road		
Wages	962.66	
Hired equipment	102.50	
Materials	122.50	1,187.66
Highways, Orchard Street		
Wages	783.99	
Hired equipment	37.50	
Materials	978.06	1,799.55
Highways, Pine Street		
Wages	148.42	
Materials	532.80	681.22
Highways, Shaw Street		
Wages	495.30	
Hired equipment	209.00	
Materials	495.70	1,200.00
Highways, Snow Removal		
Wages	7,296.02	
Hired equipment	13,713.25	
Sand	4,560.27	
Salt	8,651.26	
All other	495.01	34,715.81
Highways, Bridges		
Wages	1,234.51	
Hired equipment	1,186.42	
Materials	1,116.22	3,537.15
Highways, Sidewalks		
Wages	66.17	
Hired equipment	21.50	
Materials	1,412.33	1,500.00
Highways, Sidewalk—Fuller Street		2,856.00
Highways, Drainage—So. Belchertown		
Wages	265.40	
Hired equipment	60.00	
Materials	97.21	422.61
Highways, Road Machinery Expense		
Wages	1,164.54	
Repairs, all vehicles	3,748.60	
Tires and tubes	1,680.94	

Gas, oil and grease	3,646.63	
Parts, all vehicles	947.60	
Welding	176.41	
Diesel fuel	682.38	
All other	396.75	12,443.85
Highways, Street Lighting		8,440.45
Slide-In Sander, Article 15		2,327.00
Snow Plow, Article 16		750.00
New Pick-up Truck, Article 18		1,697.70
Veterans' Agent, Salary	375.00	
Veterans' Benefits		
Ordinary Benefits	3,957.49	
Fuel	1,104.56	
Nursing Home	1,708.48	
Ambulance	125.00	
Blue Cross—Blue Shield	423.86	
Hospital	1,637.60	
Medication	883.35	
Doctor	896.00	
All other	32.05	11,144.39
Medical Assistance, Federal Grants in Aid		946.80
School Department		
General Control (No. 1000)		
School Committee Expense	436.85	
Salaries	26,399.62	
Other Expenses	2,052.33	28,888.80
Instruction (No. 2000)		
Salaries	500,005.42	
Clerical Salaries	8,102.24	
Office supplies	6,158.17	
Textbooks and supplies	39,274.90	553,540.73
Other Services (No. 3000)		
Salaries	20,090.68	
Transportation	60,280.42	
Athletics	9,194.91	
Chaperones	300.00	89,866.01
Operations and Maintenance (No. 4000)		
Salaries	47,232.83	
Supplies & Utilities	29,352.32	
Maintenance & repairs	18,881.44	95,466.59
Fixed Charges (No. 5000)		72.00
Fixed Assets (no. 7000)		1,980.49
Programs with other Schools (No. 9000)		
Vocational Education		
Tuition	12,417.70	
Transportation	6,650.45	19,068.15
Instruction (No. 2000) From Trust		
Textbooks		1,622.12
Public Law 874—Title I		14,054.09
N.D.E.A.—Title III		1,362.66
Public Law 88—210		526.68
N.D.E.A.—Title V		5,696.43
E.S.E.A.—Title I		
Salaries	4,452.88	
All other	647.60	5,100.48
High School Athletic Fund		326.12
School Lunch Program		
Salaries	19,003.29	
Food	37,249.20	
All other	4,286.70	60,539.19
Clapp Memorial Library		
Wages	3,011.76	
Mileage	60.88	
Books and periodicals	1,681.28	
Fuel	590.78	
Telephone	80.69	
Electricity	228.72	
Equipment	129.41	
Insurance	450.00	
All other	21.80	6,255.32
Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical School District		3,267.83
Parks, Beach and Recreation		

Wages	2,456.94	
Fuel	865.91	
Electricity	208.83	
Telephone	5.00	
Care of grounds	814.00	
Barrels	64.00	
All other	474.87	4,889.55
Unclassified Account		340.36
Printing Town Reports		1,700.00
Unpaid Bills of 1968		288.39
Unpaid Bill—Court Judgement		76.71
Land Damages—Jabish Street		200.00
Town Clock		300.00
Patriotic Exercises		190.57
Insurance Account		23,374.99
Cemetery Commissioners, Salaries	500.00	
Expenses:		
Wages	1,499.30	
Care of grounds	5,727.21	
Open and close graves	550.00	
Hired equipment	461.00	
Steel markers	172.23	
Shed at Mt. Hope	586.23	
All other	262.96	9,758.93
Veterans' Graves		60.00
Interest		
1949 Sewer Loan	175.00	
1952 School Loan	1,596.00	
1963 School Loan	21,080.00	
1964 School Loan	300.00	
Short term Loans	7,456.04	30,607.04
Maturing Debt		
1949 Sewer Loan	2,000.00	
1952 School Loan	19,000.00	
1963 School Loan	50,000.00	
1964 School Loan	10,000.00	
Anticipation of Revenue	350,000.00	431,000.00
Trust Funds		
Cemetery Perpetual Care	1,404.50	
Stabilization Fund	10,000.00	
Nellie E. Brown Cemetery Fund	40.00	
Whiting Street Fund	403.52	
Susan M.D. Bridgman Fund	497.37	
Calvin Bridgman Library Fund	399.59	12,744.98
Agency		
Sporting Licenses	3,306.00	
Dog Licenses	2,049.00	
State Recreation Areas	6,607.37	
State Audit	4,158.35	
County Tax	34,008.76	
State Assessment System	230.32	
Motor Vehicle Excise Assessment	480.15	50,839.95
Pensions, Town Appropriation		15,287.90
Blue Cross—Blue Shield, Town Appropriation		9,754.64
Group Life, Town Appropriation		924.14
Petty Cash Advances		460.00
Payroll Deductions		
Federal Withholding	104,354.00	
Retirement	7,699.69	
State Withholding	19,377.51	
B.C.—B.S., Employees	9,123.40	
B.C.—B.S., Pensions	113.28	
B.C.—B.S., O.M.E.	752.64	
Group Life	931.04	142,351.56
Refunds		
Current year		
Real Estate	3,726.40	
Personal Property	32.20	
Sewers	43.17	
Motor Vehicle Excises	3,706.00	
Previous years		
Real Estate	21.40	

Motor Vehicle Excise	1,235.48	8,764.65
		$1,970,726.54
Cash on hand December 31, 1969		182,670.56
Grand total expenditures and cash on hand		$2,153,397.10

Respectfully submitted,
Pauline C. Johnson
Town Accountant



Balance Sheet—December 31, 1969

GENERAL ACCOUNTS

Cash		$182,670.56
Petty Cash Advances:		
School Lunch Petty Cash		25.00
Accounts Receivable:		
Taxes:		
Levy of 1968:		
Personal Property	20.50	
Real Estate	57.40	77.90
Levy of 1969:		
Personal Property	2,651.90	
Real Estate	39,998.07	42,649.97
Motor Vehicle Excise:		
Levy of 1966	167.20	
Levy of 1967	264.19	
Levy of 1968	1,683.63	
Levy of 1969	12,348.69	14,463.71
Special Assessments:		
Sewers:		
Rentals 1966	30.00	
Rentals 1967	30.12	
Rentals 1968	70.53	
Rentals 1969	295.06	425.71
Tax Titles and Possessions:		
Tax Titles	4,122.57	
Tax Possessions	704.93	4,827.50
Farm Excise:		
Levy of 1969		115.00
Departmental:		
Highway—Damages and Miscellaneous	2,231.90	2,231.90
Aid to Highways:		
State	66,379.22	

Payroll Deductions:		
Federal Taxes	10,857.10	
County Retirement System	1,176.35	
State Withholding	3,045.29	
Group Hospitalization—Employees	939.38	
Group Hospitalization—Pensioners	8.56	
Group Hospitalization—O.M.E.	51.12	
Group Life Insurance	95.01	16,172.81
Agency:		
County—Dog Licenses	3.50	
Workman's Compensation Ins. Fund	606.16	
Excess—Sale of Land of Low Value	1,715.48	2,325.14
Tailings		1,997.14
Trust Fund Income:		
Susan M.D. Bridgman Charity		7,492.26
Old Age Assistance Recovery		3,984.46
Medical Assistance Recovery		439.32
Federal Grants:		
Medical Assistance	8,786.13	
Schools:		
Public Law No. 81—874, Education	12,793.63	
Public Law No. 85—864, N.D.E.A.	1,274.78	
Public Law No. 85—864, Title V.	262.97	
Public Law 88—210	6.62	
E.S.E.A., Title I	70.53	23,194.66

County	19,752.10	86,131.32
Due from County—Dog Officer Fees		176.00
Unprovided for or Overdrawn Accounts:		
Underestimates of 1969:		
State Recreation Area Assessment	131.06	
County Tax	248.59	379.65
Overlay Defecits:		
Levy of 1966	6.00	
Levy of 1969	538.65	544.65
Overdrawn Appropriations—Authorized under Chapter 44, Section 31, General Laws:		
Snow Removal 1969	6,197.03	
Court Judgement—Unpaid Bill	76.71	6,273.74
		$340,992.61

Revolving Funds:		
School Lunch	4,568.44	
School Athletics	1,007.16	5,575.60
Appropriation Balances:		
Revenue:		
Special Law Account	1,000.00	
Conservation Fund	300.00	
New Water Main	1,404.27	
New Water Main Extension	2.027.76	
Highways—Chapter 90 Const.	15,262.69	
Highways—Road Machinery Exp.	236.98	
Parsons Field—Field House Fund	2,353.53	
Land Taking—Barrett Street	1.00	
Purchase of Land for Cemeteries	1.00	
Highways—Chapter 616	65.23	
Non Revenue:		
Springfield Rd., Interceptor Sewer	2,231.61	
New Junior-Senior High School	1,688.30	
From Trust:		
War Memorial	4.49	
School Department—No. 2000	2.88	26,579.74
Sale of Real Estate Fund		3,363.68
Sale of Cemetery Lots Funds		1,169.50
Road Machinery Fund		8,678.28
Reserve Fund—Overlay Surplus		3,080.26
Overlays Reserved for Abatements:		
Levy of 1968		77.90
Reserve Reserved until Collected:		
Motor Vehicle	14,463.71	
Special Assessments	425.71	
Farm Animal	115.00	
Tax Title and Possession	4,827.50	
Departmental	2,231.90	
Aid to Highways	86,131.32	108,195.14
Surplus Revenue		128,666.72
		$340,992.61

DEFERRED REVENUE ACCOUNTS

Apportioned Sewer Assessments, Not Due	$24.95

Apportioned Sewer Assessments Revenue	$24.95

Pauline C. Johnson
Town Accountant

Itemized Report of Receipts and Expenditures

Report of Appropriations & Expenditures for the Year Ending December 31, 1969

	Annual Town Meeting Appropriation		Prior Bal., Additions, & Transfers	Amount Available for Expense	Expendut Expenditures	Balance
GENERAL GOVERNMENT						
Moderator	25.00			25.00	—0—	25.00
Selectmen, Salaries	4,200.00			4,200.00	4,200.00	—0—
Selectmen, Expense	4,075.00			4,075.00	4,075.00	—0—
Dry Copy Machine—Article 3		S	755.00	755.00	755.00	—0—
Check Dispensing Machine—Article 4		S	750.00	750.00	750.00	—0—
Town Accountant, Salary	2,450.00			2,450.00	2,450.00	—0—
Town Accountant, Expense	950.00			950.00	879.81	70.19
Treasurer, Salary	2,700.00			2,700.00	2,700.00	—0—
Treasurer, Expense	2,240.00			2,240.00	2,240.00	—0—
Collector, Salary	2,900.00			2,900.00	2,900.00	—0—
Collector, Expense	2,410.00	T	123.95	2,533.95	2,533.95	—0—
Assessors, Salaries	1,600.00			1,600.00	1,600.00	—0—
Assessors, Expense	5,900.00			5,900.00	5,498.09	401.91
Finance Committee	315.00			315.00	238.05	76.95
Town Clerk, Salary	1,300.00			1,300.00	1,300.00	—0—
Town Clerk, Expense	1,055.00			1,055.00	1,055.00	—0—
Law Account	1,250.00	T	100.00	1,350.00	1,261.30	88.70
Special Law Account		T	1,000.00	1,000.00	—0—	1,000.00
Election and Registration	2,050.00			2,050.00	2,004.92	45.08
Planning Board	800.00			800.00	296.19	503.81
Lower Pioneer Valley Regional Planning District		S	290.88	290.88	290.88	—0—
Board of Appeals	75.00	T	24.00	99.00	78.65	20.35
Zoning By Law Officer, Salary	300.00			300.00	300.00	—0—
Zoning By Law Officer, Expense	200.00			200.00	136.20	63.80
Conservation Commission	480.00			480.00	382.50	97.50
Conservation Fund	100.00	B	200.00	300.00	—0—	300.00
Industrial and Development Commission	150.00			150.00	35.00	115.00
Lawrence Memorial Hall	3,112.00	T	690.00	3,802.00	3,736.08	65.92

Town Garage	2,350.00			2,350.00	753.64	1,596.36
PUBLIC SAFETY						
Police Department	31,569.00	T	244.02			
		S	2,000.00	33,813.02	33,547.31	265.71
Police Department, New Cruiser, Article 19	1,600.00			1,600.00	1,505.00	95.00
Fire Department	4,500.00			4,500.00	4,357.42	142.58
Forest Fire Account	2,200.00			2,200.00	1,454.25	745.75
Water Storage Holes	800.00			800.00	—0—	800.00
Hydrant Service	3,000.00			3,000.00	3,000.00	—0—
New Water Main from Amherst through Pelham to Belchertown	4,000.00			4,000.00	2,595.73	1,404.27
New Water Main Extension		S	3,000.00	3,000.00	972.24	2,027.76
Insect Pest Control	800.00			800.00	798.50	1.50
Dutch Elm Disease	1,300.00			1,300.00	1,297.00	3.00
Tree Warden	2,000.00			2,000.00	1,999.50	.50
Inspector of Wiring	300.00			300.00	300.00	—0—
Sealing of Weights and Measures	300.00			200.00	300.00	—0—
Dog Officer Expense	250.00			250.00	219.50	30.50
Civil Defense Salary	300.00			300.00	300.00	—0—
Civil Defense Expense	360.00			360.00	117.70	242.30
HEALTH AND SANITATION						
Board of Health, Salaries	350.00			350.00	350.00	—0—
Board of Health, Expense	3,690.00			3,690.00	3,280.86	409.14
Sewer Commissioners, Salaries	650.00			650.00	650.00	—0—
Sewer Maintenance	9,800.00	B	6,511.37			
		T	500.00			
		S	1,205.77	18,017.14	17,955.65	61.49
Town Dump	2,200.00			2,200.00	1,994.80	205.20
HIGHWAYS						
Chapter 81	33,075.00			33,075.00	33,075.00	—0—
Chapter 90 Construction	44,000.00	B	3,796.74	47,796.74	32,534.05	15,262.69
Chapter 90 Construction, Special 1968		B	12,465.46			
		T	.42			
		R	52.50	12,518.38	12,518.38	—0—
Chapter 90 Construction, Special 1969		S	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	—0—
Chapter 90 Maintenance	18,000.00	T	.61	18,000.61	18,000.61	—0—
Chapter 616 (In Conjunction with Chapter 90C)		B	311.27			
		T	.28	311.55	311.55	—0—
Chapter 616, Federal Street	3,500.00	T	.09	3,500.09	3,500.09	—0—
Chapter 616, East Street	2,781.12			2,781.12	2,715.89	65.23
General	12,000.00	T	147.86			

		R	399.75	12,547.61	12,547.37	.24
Winter Employment (General)	6,000.00			6,000.00	5,988.31	11.69
Brushcutting (General)	2,500.00			2,500.00	2,499.00	1.00
Allen Street	1,200.00			1,200.00	1,199.77	.23
Bardwell Street	1,200.00			1,200.00	1,199.81	.19
Daniel Square	1,300.00			1,300.00	1,299.36	.64
Gold Street	1,200.00			1,200.00	1,200.00	—0—
Michael Sears	1,200.00			1,200.00	1,187.66	12.34
Orchard Street	1,800.00			1,800.00	1,799.55	.45
Pine Street	1,200.00	TSTM	518.78	681.22	681.22	—0—
Shaw Street	1,200.00			1,200.00	1,200.00	—0—
Snow Removal	28,000.00	S	518.78	28,518.78	34,715.81	6,197.03 AO
Bridges	3,800.00			3,800.00	3,537.15	262.85
Sidewalks	1,500.00			1,500.00	1,500.00	—0—
Sidewalks, Fuller Street		B	2,856.00	2,856.00	2,856.00	—0—
Drainage, South Belchertown		S	400.00	400.00	400.00	—0—
Road Machinery Expense	4,900.00	B	780.83			
		S	7,000.00	12,680.83	12,443.85	236.98
Street Lighting	8,793.00			8,793.00	8,440.45	352.55
Slide In—Sander Article 15	2,327.00			2,327.00	2,327.00	—0—
Snow Plow Article 16	775.00			775.00	750.00	25.00
New Pick-up Truck Article 18	1,800.00			1,800.00	1,697.70	102.30
VETERANS' SERVICE						
Veterans' Agent, Salary	375.00			375.00	375.00	—0—
Veterans' Benefits	6,500.00	R	22.22			
		T	1,009.50			
		S	5,000.00	12,531.72	10,769.39	1,762.33
SCHOOLS AND LIBRARIES						
School Department						
No. 1000 Administration	28,988.00			28,988.00	28,888.80	99.20
No. 2000 Instruction	555,502.00			555,502.00	553,540.73	1,961.27
No. 3000 Other Services	97,022.00			97,022.00	89,866.01	7,155.99
No. 4000 Operation	98,614.00	R	11.50	98,625.50	95,466.59	3,158.91
No. 5000 Fixed Charges	78.00			78.00	72.00	6.00
No. 7000 Fixed Assets	2,424.00			2,424.00	1,980.49	443.51
No. 9000 Programs with Other Schools	24,500.00			24,500.00	19,068.15	5,431.85
New Junior-Senior High School		B	1,688.30	1,688.30	—0—	1,688.30
Clapp Memorial Library	5,041.27	S	1,296.50	6,337.77	6,255.32	82.45
Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical School District	3,267.83			3,267.83	3,267.83	—0—
RECREATION AND UNCLASSIFIED						
Parks, Beach and Recreation	8,984.00	R	50.00	9,034.00	4,889.55	4,144.45
Parsons Field, New Field House Fund	500.00	B	1,853.53	2,353.53	—0—	2,353.53

Unclassified Account	350.00			350.00	340.36	9.64
Printing Town Reports	1,700.00			1,700.00	1,700.00	—0—
Unpaid Bills of 1968	255.49		32.90	288.39	288.39	—0—
Land Damages, Jabish Street	200.00			200.00	200.00	—0—
Land Taking, Barrett Street	1.00			1.00	—0—	1.00
Town Clock	300.00			300.00	300.00	—0—
Patriotic Exercises	250.00			250.00	190.57	59.43
Insurance Account	23,460.91	R	48.00	23,508.91	23,374.99	133.92
Reserve Fund	5,000.00			5,000.00	4,946.74	53.26
CEMETERIES						
Cemetery Commissioners, Salaries	500.00			500.00	500.00	—0—
Cemetery Expense	5,745.00	B	1,407.09			
		P	2,106.84	9,258.93	9,258.93	—0—
Veterans' Graves	200.00			200.00	60.00	140.00
Purchase of Land for Cemetery Purpose	1.00			1.00	—0—	1.00
INTEREST AND MATURING DEBT						
		T	889.37			
Interest	27,951.00	S	2,160.00	31,000.37	30,607.04	393.33
Maturing Debt	81;000.00			81,000.00	81,000.00	—0—
Blue Cross-Blue Shield	9,538.00	T	216.64	9,754.64	9,754.64	—0—
Group Life	1,000.00			1,000.00	924.14	75.86
Pensions	15,287.90			15,287.90	15,287.90	—0—

T Transfer From Reserve Fund
B Balance carried forward
R Refund
S Special Town Meeting
AO Authorized Overdraft
TSTM Transferred at Special Town Meeting

Debt Statement—1969

Net Funded of Fixed Debt:		
Inside the Debt Limit—General	$29,000.00	
Outside the Debt Limit	663,000.00	
	$692,000.00	
Serial Loans:		
Inside the Debt Limit		
Sewer Loans of 1949		$5,000.00
School Building Loan—Acts of 1949		24,000.00
		$29,000.00
Outside the Debt Limit		
School Building Loan of 1952		$33,000.00
New Junior Senior High School Loan		630,000.00
		$663,000.00

Debt Account—1969

	Loan Issued	Rate	Outstanding	Paid in 1969	Due in 1970
Sewer Construction	1949	2.5	$7,000.00	$2,000.00	$1,000.00
School Building Loan	1951	2.1	44,000.00	11,000.00	11,000.00
School Building Loan	1952	2.1	32,000.00	8,000.00	8,000.00
New Junior—Senior High School Loan	1963	3.1	680,000.00	50,000.00	45,000.00

TRUST AND INVESTMENT FUNDS

Cash and securities in custody of the Treasurer	$122,795.36

In custody of Treasurer

George D. Longley (Music)	$2,209.99
Calvin Bridgman (High School)	6,737.86
Calvin Bridgman (Library)	4,202.92
Susan M.D. Bridgman (Mt. Hope Cemetery)	689.10
Susan M. D. Bridgman (Poor Fund)	10,392.90
Whiting Street (Poor Fund	12,618.11
Willard Stebbins (Cemetery)	1,961.10
Nellie E. Brown (Cemetery)	1,174.84
Cemetery Perpetual Care	37,712.06
Vianne E. Sommes (Mt. Hope Cemetery)	370.26
Stabilization Fund	44,726.22
	$122,795.36

Report of Tax and Town Collector

1968 Real Estate		
Outstanding 1—1—69		$27,633.63
Refunded		21.40
Collected	25,844.13	
Abated	16.40	
Tax Titles	1,737.10	
O—S 12—31—69	57.40	
	27,655.03	27,655.03
1969 Real Estate		
Committed for collection		781,539.54
Refunded		3,726.40
Collected	710,087.97	
Abated	34,282.90	
Tax Titles	1,173.00	
O—S 12—31—69	39,722.07	
	785,265.94	785,265.94
1966 Personal Property		
Paid after abatement		3.70
Collected	3.70	
	3.70	3.70
1967 Personal Property		
Outstanding 1—1—69		6.00
Abated	6.00	
	6.00	6.00
1968 Personal Property		
Outstanding 1—1—69		2,884.35
Collected	2,535.85	
Abated	328.00	
O—S 12—31—69	20.50	
	2,884.35	2,884.35
1969 Personal Property		
Committed for collection		53,871.64
Refunded		32.20
Collected	50,785.84	
Abated	154.10	
Warrant over committment	36.00	
O—S 12—31—69	2,927.90	
	53,903.84	53,903.84
1969 Sewer Betterment (Appor.)		
Committed for collection		33.75
Collected	33.75	
	33.75	33.75
1969 Committed Interest (Sewer Appor.)		
Committed for collection		1.35
Collected	1.35	
	1.35	1.35
1965 Motor Vehicle		
Paid after abatement		51.98
Collected	51.98	
	51.98	51.98

1966 Motor Vehicle

Outstanding 1—1—69		257.96
Paid after abatement		6.88
Collected	142.73	
Abated	60.51	
O—S 12—31—69	61.60	
	264.84	264.84

1967 Motor Vehicle

Outstanding 1—1—69		933.88
Refunded		16.50
Collected	522.38	
Abated	233.11	
O—S 12—31—69	194.89	
	950.38	950.38

1968 Motor Vehicle

Outstanding 1—1—69		6,599.79
Committed for collection		5,920.14
Refunded		1,218.98
Collected	9,535.94	
Abated	2,519.34	
O—S 12—31—69	1,683.63	
	13,738.91	13,738.91

1969 Motor Vehicle

Committed for collection		95,658.31
Refunded		3,706.00
Collected	80,843.45	
Abated	6,172.12	
O—S 12—31—69	12,348.69	
	99,364.31	99,364.31

1968 Farm Animal Excise

Outstanding 1—1—69		119.78
Collected	119.78	
	119.78	119.78

1969 Farm Animal Excise

Committed for collection		1,072.10
Collected	957.10	
O—S 12—31—69	115.00	
	1,072.10	1,072.10

Accounts Receivable, Misc.

Outstanding 1—1—69		2,036.50
Committed for collection		2,297.70
Collected	2,102.30	
Collected	2,102.30	
O—S 12—31—69	2,231.90	
	4,334.20	4,334.20

1966 Sewer Charges (Lien)

Outstanding 1—1—69		90.00
Collected	60.00	
O—S 12—31—69	30.00	
	90.00	90.00

1967 Sewer Charges (Lien)

Outstanding 1—1—69		117.86
Collected	87.74	
O—S 12—31—69	30.12	
	117.86	117.86

1968 Sewer Charges (Lien)

Outstanding 1—1—69		424.05
Collected	353.52	
O—S 12—31—69	70.53	
	424.05	424.05

1969 Sewer Charges (Lien)

Committments		5,977.91
Refunded		43.17
Collected	5,726.02	
O—S 12—31—69	293.06	
Warrant in excess of committment	2.00	
	6,021.08	6,021.08

Totals for 1969

Taxes, excises, sewers, betterments, etc.	$889,795.53
Demand and warrant fees on taxes, etc.	1,080.00
Interest on taxes, etc.	1,471.38
Total amount paid to town treasurer	$892,346.91

Respectfully submitted,
Robert D. Camp, Sr.
Tax and Town Collector

Town Clerk Report

Financial

Sales and Filing Fees

Receipts	No. Items	Amount
Sporting licenses (Gross)	632	$3,211.70
Dog licenses (Gross)	761	2,241.00
B-M-D certified copies	169	168.00
U.C.C. & Terminations	298	771.00
Marriage intentions	54	110.00
Pole location orders	19	76.00
Registration of business	11	11.00
Reg. & license to store fuels	26	13.00
Federal Liens	2	6.00
Attachments	1	1.00
Raffles & Bazaars license	5	50.00
Sale of town maps	93	28.30
	2,071	$6,687.00

Payments	Amount
Division of Fisheries & Game (State)	$3,073.50
County of Hampshire	2,050.75
Town of Belchertown	1,562.75
	.00

Vital Statistics

Marriage intentions filed—54

Marriages	Male	Female
Resident	37	33
Non-resident	29	33

Place of marriage	No.
Belchertown	30
Out of town	35
Out of state	1

Births

Place	Boys	Girls
Northampton	14	13
Holyoke	9	7
Ware	4	8
Springfield	6	2
Chicopee	5	—
Montague	2	—
Belchertown	1	—
Boston	—	1
Greenfield	1	—
Revere	1	—
Southbridge	—	1
	43	32

Deaths

Males 54	Females 24
Resident 47	Non-resident 31

Place of death	No.
Belchertown	46
Ware	12
Holyoke	5
Northampton	3
Boston	2
Ludlow	2
Palmer	2
Amherst	1
Hadley	1
South Hadley	1
Springfield	1
West Brookfield	1
Granby	1
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Attest: Robert D. Camp, Sr.
Town Clerk

Report of Town Treasurer

Cash in treasury, Jan. 1, 1969	$264,017.20	Expenditures as authorized	1,970,726.54
Cash received during 1969	1,889,379.90	Cash in treasury Dec. 31, 1969	182,670.56
	$2,153,397.10		$2,153,397.10

Income from savings deposits, exclusive of trust funds—$1,705.03

Cash borrowed during 1969. (Discounted short term notes.)

Note. No.	Dated	Amount	Due	Rate	Interest
253	3—17—69	100,000.00	11—15—69	3.97 p.c.	2,602.37
254	6—16—69	150,000.00	12— 1—69	4.41 p.c.	3,087.00
255.	8—22—69	100,000.00	12—10—69	6.0 p.c.	1,766.67

Total borrowed $350,000.00 at a cost of $7,456.04

During 1969 the town employed 382 persons, most of whom were part time or classified as emergency employees. Payroll deductions include Federal and State taxes. County and State Retirement, Blue-Cross and Blue Shield, Group Life Insurance and a special teacher's annuity.

Gross wages paid to employees	$774,204.94
Less payroll deductions	177,659.58
Actual amount received by employees	$596,545.36

Report of Trust Funds

Fund	1-1-69	W'drn.	Int.	Dep.	12-31-69
George D. Longley (Music)	2,108.07		101.92		2,209.99
Calvin Bridgman (High Sch.)	6,427.11		310.75		6,737.86
Calvin Bridgman (Library)	4,399.59	399.59	202.92		4,202.92
S.M.D. Bridgman (Mt. Hope Cem.)	657.35		31.75		689.10
S.M.D. Bridgman (Poor Fund)	6,575.02		317.88		6,892.90
Whiting Street (Poor Fund)	12,434.23	403.52	587.40		12,618.11
Willard Stebbins (Cem.)	1,870.67		90.43		1,961.10
N.E. Brown (Mt. Hope Cem.)	1,159.64	40.00	55.20		1,174.84
Cemeteries Perpetual Care	36,645.33	2,106.84	1,769.07	1,404.50	37,712.06
V Sommes (Mt. Hope Cem.)	353.20		17.06		370.26
Stabilization Fund	33,124.58		1,601.64	10,000.00	44,726.22
	105,754.79	2,949.95	5,086.02 02	11,404.50	119,295.36

Respectfully submitted,
Robert D. Camp, Sr.
Town Treasurer

Persons Drawn for Jury Service During 1969

1— 1—69	Constance C. Bullough	Grand Juror
1— 6—69	James A. Bonafini, Sr.	Traverse Juror
1— 6—69	George J. Lindsey	Traverse Juror
1— 6—69	Anthony D. Cartelli	Traverse Juror
3— 3—69	Henry R. Bleau	Traverse Juror
3— 3—69	Roy P. Reece, Jr.	Traverse Juror
4—28—69	Milton R. Locke	Traverse Juror
4—28—69	William J. Lacey, Jr.	Traverse Juror
8—18—69	Patricia A. Squires	Traverse Juror
8—18—69	William R. Malmstedt, Sr.	Traverse Juror
9—15—69	George Opalenik	Traverse Juror
9—15—69	Ramon H. Horta	Traverse Juror
10—14—69	Harold W. Willey	Traverse Juror
10—14—69	Frederick F. Owen	Traverse Juror

Jury List 1969-1970

Aldrich, William E., Federal Street	Carpenter, R.N. Dickinson, Federal St., Belchertown, Mass.
Bodzinski, Thaddeus O., Three Rivers Road	Truck driver and laborer, M.T. Sullivan, West Ludlow, Mass.
Bonafini, James A., Sr., Franklin Street	Sheet metal mechanic, Zero Manufacturing Co., Monson, Mass.
Burke, Raymond V., Old Enfield Road	Carpenter, C.H. Micharsan Co., Torrington, Conn.

Cartelli, Anthony D., North Main Street	Body shop manager, Cartelli Pontiac Co., 740 High St., Holyoke, Mass.
Chevalier, William J., Cottage Street	Millwright, Texon, Inc., South Hadley Falls, Mass.
Cook, John C., Mill Valley Road	Farm Hand, Belchertown State School, Belchertown, Mass.
Daigle, Louis, Federal Street	Assembler, Westfield Manufacturing Co., Cycle St., Westfield, Mass.
Dewhurst, Albert F., Federal Street	Shear operator, Zero Manufacturing Co., Monson, Mass.
Drew, Alfred C., Jr., North Main Street	Field representative of New England Milk Producer's Assoc., 958 Riverdale St., West Springfield, Mass.
Duguay, Florian R., North Street	Technical Assistant, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, Mass.
Dunbar, Arthur L., East Walnut Street	Meat cutter, First National Stores, Northampton, Mass.
Forgette, Roland E., Warner Road	Heating mechanic, Westover Air Base, Chicopee, Mass.
Forgue, Michael P., Old Pelham Road	Radio announcer, W A R E Radio, Ware, Mass.
Fuller, Edward L., Cottage Street	Insurance agent, Bell & Hudson Insurance Agency, Inc., Belchertown, Mass.
Gould, Sherman L., North Washington Street	Skilled conservation worker, Comm. of Mass., Dept. of Natural Resources, Amherst, Mass.
Hayward, James F., Federal Street	Electricians helper, Belchertown State School, Belchertown, Mass.
Horta, Ramon H., Ludlow Road	Utility, Curring Division, Curring Rubber Tires, Chicopee, Mass.
Hulmes, Jack, Old Enfield Road	Carpenter foreman, Laundromat owner, D. O'Connel's Sons, Inc., Holyoke, Mass.
Hutchinson, Roland E., South Main Street	Lathe operator, Quabbin Industries, Inc., Belchertown, Mass.
Jenks, Kenneth O., Amherst Road	Mechanic, D.P.W., Water Division, Amherst, Mass.
Kelley, Daniel J., Mill Valley Road	Special chain engineer, Acem Chain Corp., Div. of No. American Rockwell Corp., Holyoke, Mass.
Knight, Howard W., Everett Avenue	Plant guard, Monsanto Chemical Co., Springfield, Mass.
Kulig, Joseph A., Franklin Street	Retired, Supt. of Streets, Town of Belchertown, Mass.
Lefebvre, Norman F., Stebbins Street	Die-sinker, Moore Drop Forging Co., Chicopee, Mass.
Lindsey, George J., State Street	General Supervisor, Acme Chain Corp., Div. of No. American Rockwell Corp., Holyoke, Mass.
Loftus, Francis, Jr., South Washington Street	Mixer operator, Monsanto Chemical Co., Indian Orchard, Mass.
Main, Kenneth H., Poole Road	Receiving clerk, C.F. & I. Steel Corp., Palmer, Mass.
Malmstedt, William R., Sr., So. Washington Street	Assistant herdsman, Belchertown State School, Belchertown, Mass.
Mathras, Michael S., East Walnut Street	Foreman, Selectman, Geni Instrument Corp., 165 Front St., Chicopee, Mass.
McCallum, Earl G., Bay Road	Stock clerk, Herbert Goldstein, Mass., Wholesale Drug Co., Springfield, Mass.
McGowan, John W., South Liberty Street	Retired, Lead foreman, Springfield Armory, Springfield, Mass.
Meiklejohn Thomas L., Gulf Road	Wood pattern maker, G. & S. Pattern Shop, 29 Logan St., Springfield, Mass.
Mikal, George A., Franklin Street	Supervisor, building maintenance, Farm Credit Banks of Springfield, Mass.

Monette, Richard E., State Street	Truck driver, freight handler, Ranch Circle, Agawam, Mass.
Morey, Robert C., North Washington Street	Manager, drug store & package store, Belchertown Pharmacy, Park St., Belchertown, Mass.
Opalenik, George, Ware Road	Assistant Superintendent, Brown Paper Co., Holyoke, Mass.
Owens, Frederick F., F., South Washington Street	Electrician, Monsanto Chemical Co., Springfield, Mass.
Pepe, Edward L., South Washington Street	Wood pattern maker, South Washington St., Belchertown, Mass.
Riedel, Robert W., Mill Valley Road	District sales manager, Monsanto Co., Springfield, Mass.
Ross, Alexander F., Jr., Boardman Road	Cost clerk, National Blank Book, Water St., Holyoke, Mass.
Samson, Harvey A., North Main Street	Stationary Engineer, Belchertown State School, Belchertown, Mass.
Scott, John R., Federal Street	Maintainence machinist, U.S. Envelope Co., Memorial Inc., Park, Springfield, Mass.
Smith, Claude E., North Washington Street	Clerk, Phaneyf Pharmacy, Breckwood and Wilbraham Rd., Springfield, Mass.
Thibeault, Wilfrid J., North Washington Street	Foreman, Heat Treat Dept., American Bosch, Springfield, Mass.
Tongren, Paul V., North Main Street	Manager, Staven Brothers, Inc., Vernon, Conn.
Vosburgh, William R., North Liberty Street	Laboratory lead analyst, Monsanto Chemical Co., Springfield, Mass.
Watson, Arnold B., Federal Street	Retired, Assembler, Savage Arms
Whitcomb, Harlan, North Washington Street	Packer, Monsanto Co., Springfield, Mass.
Willey, Harold W., North Main Street	Civil engineer, Med. Dist. Commission, 20 Somerset St., Boston, Mass.
Wood, Walter F., South Washington Street	Coiler, UniRoyal, 154 Grove St., Chicopee, Mass.

Female

Bullough, Constance C., State Street	Foreman, F.W. Sickles, 165 Front St., Widow, Chicopee, Mass. Widow
Goodrich, Virginia C., Warren Wright Road	Senior clerk-steno, U. of Mass., (Goodrich, Fred A.) (Storekeeper, U. of Mass., Amherst, Mass.
Jeger, Frances E., State Street	Retired, secretary-bookkeeper, Chadbourne's, Belchertown, Mass., Widow
Lambert, Madeline O., South Main Street	Retired, teacher, Town of Belchertown, Mass., Widow
Squires, Patricia A., North Washington Street	Insurance clerk, Bell & Hudson Insurance Agency, Belchertown, Mass. (Squires, Herbert E.) Self-employed, School bus, contractor, Selectman, Town of Belchertown
Squires, Wanda A., South Washington Street	Waitress, Daisy Mae Restaurant, Belchertown, Mass. (Squires, Richard E.) unemployed, construction worker.
Terry, Barbara, Turkey Hill Road	Housewife, (Terry, Donald M.) self-employed, Turkey Hill Rd., Belchertown, Mass.

Assessor's Report

Statement of How Taxes were Raised in 1969

Total appropriation to be raised by taxation	1,198,897.29
Total appropriation to be taken from available funds	156,733.20
	1,355,630.49

Deficits due to abatements in excess of overlay			164.00
School lunch program	6,905.97		
Public library	1,296.50	8,202.47	
Other amounts to be raised		1,446.37	
County tax and assessments		33,760.17	
State tax and assessments			
State recreation areas	6,476.31		
State audit	4,158.35		
Motor vehicle excise bills	480.15		
State assessment system	230.32		
Under estimates (cherry sheet)	487.88		
	11,,833.01	11,833.01	
Overlay current year		33,898.35	
		1,444,934.86	

1969 estimated receipts from local aid and agency funds		
	325,301.28	
Motor vehicle and trailer excise	90,001.53	
Licenses	5,326.85	
Fines	1,798.00	
Special assessment	5,502.43	
General government	3,262.40	
Protection personal property	1,574.55	
Health and sanitation	96.50	
Cemeteries	870.00	
Interest on taxes and assessments	2,067.56	
Farm animal excise	1,046.20	
	436,847.30	436,847.30
Over estimates from cherry sheet	1,081.38	

Amounts to be taken from available funds

7—22—68	7,000.00	Free cash	
7—22—68	4,000.00	Machinery earnings	
7—22—68	576.57	Free cash	
9—16—68	3,000.00	Free cash	
10—21—68	23,000.00	Free cash	
10—21—68	23,000.00	Free cash	
3—10—69	117,860.13	Free cash	
3—10—69	17,000.00	Free cash (to reduce tax rate)	
5— 6—69	1,296.50	Free cash	
	173,733.20		174,814.58

Total credits	611,661.88
Net taxes levied on property	833,272.98

Amount to be Raised by Taxes on Property

Valuation	Tax rate 46.00	Tax assessed
Personal property	1,160,840.00	53,398.64
Real estate	16,953,790.00	779,874.34
	18,114,630.00	833,272.98

The Following Abatements were Processed During 1969

	Amount of abatements
Motor vehicles (423)	8,016.58
Real estate (42)	2,579.90
Personal property (9)	482.10
Chapter 41 (persons over 70) (78)	25,615.40
Chapter 22 (veterans) (49)	4,112.40
Chapters 17 and 18 (2)	184.00

A Comparison

Year	Valuation	Tax Rate	Taxes Raised	School Appropriation
1964	15,314,610.00	32.00	490,067.00	587,660.00
1965	15,529,160.00	39.00	605,637.00	661,597.00
1966	15,723,580.00	37.00	581,772.00	664,863.00
1967	16,935,640.00	40.00	677,425.00	728,659.00
1968	17,424,790.00	41.00	714,416.00	827,101.00
1969	18,114,630.00	46.00	833,272.00	931,231.00
Increase in 5 years				
	2,800,020.00	14.00	343,205.00	343,571.00

You will note from the above that the entire increase in money raised 343,205.00 is short 366.00 of the increase in school appropriations. (343,571.00)

The approximate amount of appropriations to cause 1.00 increase in taxes is 18,000.00.

It is necessary to add 400,000.00 to the valuation to remove this 1.00.

There were 228 photostatic copies of real estate transfers, many of which have to be investigated to make sure proper changes are made.

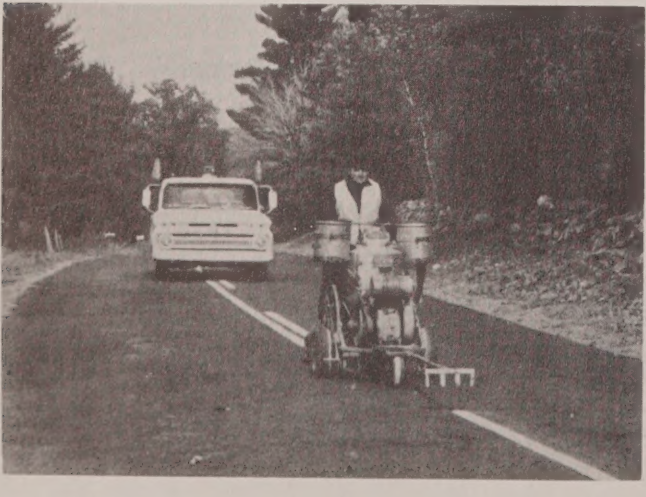
79 building permits were issued for a total of 827,350.00 All building permits have to be visited, sketched, information gathered and valued, and the results put on cards for the Assessors' records. Also all incomplete buildings must be viewed. 1970 promises to be a very busy year with all the above, plus the fact that a complete set of the tax records must be made, bound and sent to the department of corporations and taxation.

We need tax maps. Many acres of land in Belchertown are not taxed, and much of this land could be discovered, taken by the town and sold. There is a big conservation project for the Connecticut River valley, which proposes to take 12,000 acres of the Holyoke range with many acres in Belchertown. Town maps are needed to figure loss of property taxes.

Our thanks to the many people who have cooperated with us.

Regular meetings of the Board are on the first and third Mondays of each month from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. The office is open daily, Monday through Friday from 1 to 4 p.m. and public records are available to the taxpayers.

Harold B. Ketchen
Isaac Hodgen
Samuel Joyal



Highway Department Report

It is difficult to compress a whole years road maintenance activities over 105 miles of road into a thumbnail sketch.

Our highway crew averages nine men, including the superintendent. During the past year we have endured two of the worst snow seasons in a long while. With our Town crew, assisted by hired equipment, our roads were kept in a favorable condition. We used over 1,877 tons of sand. Early in the spring, work on the new East Street to the Fish Hatchery was the target of attention. Private contractors had run into difficulty procuring help, so the Town crew went in to complete the job. This put us behind schedule on our own projects by about three weeks. We built 1800 feet of road here.

During our work season, we sealed 6.63 miles of road and hardened with new surface 13,180 feet using 60,375 gallons of asphalt. Our crew prepared the shoulders for widening Route 181, where private contractors put down 3,418 tons of blacktop. The same contractors also put down 771 tons of blacktop on Route 21 where the surface was beaten out of shape.

Several of our narrow and lightly traveled roads were widened and improved using over 11,000 cubic yards of gravel. This made snow plowing much easier on these streets. Except for "winging back'' the snow, it was unnecessary to send the road grader out. These roads are now being done by hired trucks as part of their regular route. This makes for faster service as well as being cheaper in the long run. It gives year-round convenience as well as making snow removal easier. It is our hope to continue this program next year.

Our Bay Road project failed to get under way in 1969, due to lack of Engineering assistance from D.P.W. The survey of the road has been done now, and is in the process of being designed. Public hearings for land taking are scheduled for early spring, and allowing for delays, technicalities, and legalities, work should begin late in the summer or perhaps sooner. It is designed to present a minimum of property damage. It is estimated that the reconstruction of Bay Road will cost in excess of $100,000.00.

The replacement of the railroad overpass bridge on Rte. 181 has been placed on a list awaiting state funds. It is uncertain whether or when these funds will materalize.

In closing, I would like to stress the importance of our Highway Program in regards to our overall well being. Transportation is a key factor in many problems and issues of the day. Schools and bussing are two big incentives to improve our secondary roads. The 65 passenger bus of today demands wider and better roads than its predecessors. The increase in population causes new routes to be instituted using different roads, and the shift to hitherto unimportant roads places a demand for their immediate improvement upon the Highway Department. This is not without its rewards, however. In total, within the last five years, significant improvements have been made in Highway Maintenance. As a result, complaints have been less frequent and of a more minor nature. We still receive more complaints than any other department, which only demonstrates the vital interest people have in good roads.

In the end, we would like to thank all the people who see our side of the problem and have shown their interest and support. We would also thank those who have complaints, but also have the patience to allow time for correction. We ask for your continued interest and support in the coming year.

Police Department Report

Board of Selectmen
Belchertown, Mass.
Gentlemen:

I hereby submit my annual report for the Police Department for 1969. Following are listed the offenses prosecuted in the District Court of Northampton by this department during the year 1969:

Assault and battery	2
Breaking and entering	3
Malicious injury to personal property	4
Drug	17
Drunkenness	14
Disturbing peace	2
Town by-law junk cars	2
Rules and regulations of road laws	27

Leaving scene property damage	2
Stolen car	2
No license in possession	17
Stop sign	65
Sticker violation	18
Speeding	234
Driving to endanger	15
Driving under influence	8
Unregistered and uninsured	32
Trespassing	2
Fugitive from justice	1
Liquor in vehicle of minor	9
Open and gross lewdness	1
Unlicensed dogs	7
Juvenile Cases	
Drugs	4
Auto laws	3
	491
State Police cases	21
Fish and Game law violations	13
Total offenses issued in Northampton District Court	525

232 traffic accidents were reported and investigated during 1969, which is 30 more than in 1968. There were 4 fatals compared to 1 in 1968. This increase in accidents is discouraging but hope that this year will see a decided decrease. This department has answered 893 complaints. We receive and deliver emergency messages to people having no telephones. The cruiser mileage for this year was 51,570.

63 pistol permits were issued. Each new applicant must be fingerprinted. 6 dealers licenses were issued in town. The gun registration law requiring the registration of persons owning firearms made necessary the issuing of 112 I.D. cards this year.

The ambulance continues to be a real asset to the townspeople who find a need for it in times of emergencies. In 1969 there were 121 trips made to hospitals and nursing homes in the area. This need continues to increase, 28 more trips over the 1968 trips. The ambulance still is to be used only at the request of a doctor, this is to assure the patient that they will be accepted at the hospital or nursing home, also so that the ambulance will not be held up unnecessarily while trying to make arrangements for admission. The service of the ambulance requires two men who are holders of an American National Red Cross certificate, which states they have completed the advanced course of instruction in first aid to the injured. This course is taken every three years. All police officers are on call at all times for this emergency ambulance service. They are often called from their jobs or previous plans and I do want to take this opportunity to thank them, their families and their employers for their part in this service. I'm sure that all the townspeople appreciate and say thanks to these folks also.

The Belchertown police force consists of chief, deputy chief, a police woman and twelve patrolmen. All of these are part-time with the exception of the chief, who has been full-time for 1 ½ years now. The police station is located in the basement of the Lawrence Memorial Hall across for the assessors office. We continue to have telephone coverage weekdays for 9 to 5 by policewoman Johnson. also have the emergency telephone covered by the M.D.C. police if needed. Before 9 and after 5 the telephone is still the responsibility of the chief and this does require many added hours of service for the townspeople. My duties continue to take me to court on the average of three monring a week. This plus the many calls, accidents, gun permits, and other paper work continues to take many more hours than the 44 hour week required. At the time of this report my two days a week off is a thing of the past. The town does need to think seriously of putting on more full-time help in this departemnt. It has been brought to may attention that the townspeople would like to see an officer in the morning and in the evening in the center of town however, there is a limit to what one man can do!

This year I went to Westfield State College for the required academy instruction and graduated. This is a requirement for all full-time police. It involves instruction in all phases of police work, including one week's time on the firing range where all types of weapons are fired and officers must qualify. This academy included five weeks of classroom instruction in criminal law, riot control, court procedure, first aid, etc. These courses were taught by professors, F.B.I personnel, Registry of Motor Vehicle officers and personnel from the District Attorneys office.

This year I was able to have a Registry of Motor Vehicles officer come to our police station and give instruction to our officers on the Chapter 90 laws, which are the laws of the road. I also gave instruction to the men at six special meetings. This year two of our officers attended a forthy hour course on drugs.

This past year the police department has checked 323 vacationist's homes and in checking homes, town buildings, stores, gas stations and other businesses we found 246 windows and doors open or unlocked. Only you can correct this! We have made 62 arrests this year. Also another new item is the registering of bicycles. There were 407 registered this year. Several days and evenings were involved in this project and each bike had a reflector tape put on it by the V.F.W. womens auxiliary, who were working with us on this project. Our thanks to them.

Keeping the law continues to be a full-time responsibility for each of us. We show our interest in keeping the law by the way we act and talk. How do you feel towards law officers? Do you act, talk, or drive different if one is around? Do you double park? Are you speeding? Do you stop for all stop signs? We need to encourage our law enforcement! Are we?

As in the past years I want to take this opportunity to thank all of the police departments in the surrounding towns, the Metropolitan District Police, the State Police, the Registry of Motor Vehicles, the District Court officials and our local Fire Chief for the help and cooperation which they have given to me and the department.

My sincere thanks to all the townspeople who have cooperated with this department during the year.

Ernest M. Gay,
Chief of Police

Fire Department Report

Town of Belchertown
Board of Selectmen
Belchertown, Mass.
Gentlemen:

Following is my report as Fire Chief and Forest Warden for the year 1969.

The Fire Department responsed to a total of 80 calls during the year 1969.

Building fires	19
Brush or grass fires	43
Auto fires	12
False alarms	3
To assist at auto accidents	3

The total estimated damage to buildings was $14,900.00. The total estimated damage to contents was $1,650.00.

Several members of our department took advantage of a two day study and training course that was offered jointly to our department and Granby's Department. This was a very valuable and informative training program, and was provided by the State at no expense to the town.

Continued cooperation by other town departments, especially the police department, allows the Fire Department to operate efficiently as a volunteer unit, even as our town continues to grow.

The answering service, provided by the operators at The Belchertown State School continues to fill one the most important roles of our department. For this excellent service, we are extremely grateful.

Respectfully submitted,
Louis E. Fuller
Fire Chief and
Forest Fire Warden

Member List

Louis E. Fuller	Chief
Carl J. Peterson	Deputy Chief
William Squires	Deputy Chief
Isaac Hodgen	Captain
Donald Bock	Lieutenant
Sherman Gould	Lieutenant
Raymond Menard	Lieutenant

Elwyn Bock
Harry Bougham
Joseph Chadbourne
Albert Dewhurst
Edward Fuller
Edward Gates
Royal Gay
Ernest M. Gay
Irving Hislop
David Hodgen

Hugh Hubbard, Jr.
Samuel Joyal
Richard Knight
Richard McGinnis
Harold Peck
Carl E. Peterson
Floyd R. Peeso
Louis A. Shumway
Loren Shumway
Robert Smith
Roy Reece, Jr.
Herbert Wood
Kenneth Thayer

Honorary Members

Milton Baggs
Frederick Lincoln
Roy G. Shaw
J. Raymond Gould

Deputy Forest Wardens

Carl J. Peterson
Donald Bock
Ernest M. Gay
William Squires
Harold Mellin—MDC

B.S.S. Operators

Hazel Charles
Ruth Neville
Jane Conklin
Marguerite Mumford
Claire Kelly
Judith Walker

Veterans' Agent Report

To the Board of Selectmen:

The year 1969 has been a trying one for the Veteran's Department, of this Town. This Department has had an increase of approximately seventy percent over the budget of $6,875.00, appropriated at the Town meeting in March of this past year. It has had two Special Town meetings to raise the sum of $4,260.73 and one transfer of $1,009.50 from the Reserve Fund. These Special Town meetings and the transfer were necessary to pay the outstanding bills of this department. I will grant you that some of these bills were never anticipated by this department or anyone else. I am quite sure that it can be appreciated that this is one department, in which a fair evaluation of our needs are practicably impossible to give accurately.

I would like to bring to the attention of the Board, that in January of 1966, this Town had approximately three hundred and fifty Veterans. Now with World War II Veterans and other conflicts, I would venture to say our count is nearer to five hundred. This can mean only one thing and that is more Veterans needing our aid, which means greater expenses in this department.

I have helped our applicants in various ways, such as getting into nursing homes, which saved thousands of dollars not spent on hospitalization, for our taxpayers. I have talked with Veteran's wanting information, on schooling, along with numerous letters to Boston on various problems.

I would like to state that we are fortunate to receive approximately fifty percent from the State, of the amount of money spent by this Town on Veterans' Benefits. I would like to thank the Board of Selectmen for the copying machine, it sure has helped.

Earl F. Henrichon
Veteran's Agent

Board of Health Report

The Board of Health scheduled meetings the fourth Wednesday of each month in the basement of Memorial School at 8 p.m. where all routine business was normally conducted.

Mr. James A. Bonafini, a member of our board, inspected new or renovated septic tank installations. Mr. Delmore LaJeunesse our plumbing and gas inspector made inspections as prescribed by the State Code.

Mrs. Doris Squires, Special Secretary for the Board reports the following contagious diseases for the year 1969.

Chicken Pox	106
Hepatitis	1
Strep Throat	22
Mumps	5
Erisipelas	4
Scarlet Fever	1
Jaundice	1
Animal Bites	33
Tuberculosis	1

Mr. Lewis Austin, animal inspector, investigated 33 cases of animal bites.

This summary includes those reported from the Belchertown State School. It should be noted once again the absence of measles due to the use of measles vaccination administered in town free to charge at the clinics.

Several clinics were held in the public schools with Dr. Kenneth Collard, M.D. in attendance and with the cooperation of the School Department. A summary is as follows:

May 21, 1969, 41 Smallpox vaccinations

April 2, 30, May 28, 93 D.P.T.—D.T. Toxiod injections

Sept. 17, 106 Measles Vaccine

Nov. 11, 605 Polio Trivalent drinks

The shots given to school personnel and other town employees.

One case of Tuberculosis reported and a portable X-ray machine brought to town and approximately 100 X-rays or Mantoux skin tests were done on fellow employees, relatives and neighbors. All necessary precautions were taken.

Unfortunately there has been no forward progress in the momentun to have a program for home nursing in Belchertown, although the need is indeed very great.

Dr. Kenneth L. Collard
Mr. James Bonafini
Mrs. Gould Ketchen

Agent -- Sanitarian Report

To: The Honorable Board of Health, Belchertown, Mass.

Gentlemen:

As Agent—Sanitarian for the Board of Health of the Town of Belchertown, I respectully submit my annual report for 1969.

During 1969, regualr inspections were made on eleven Food Service Establishments in accordance with Article XI of the Sanitary Code of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Four retail food establishments were issued Certificated of Registration as required under Chapter 94 Section 305 A of the Laws of the Commonwealth.

One trailer park, one recreational camp for children, one family camping area, one bakery and two egg canning licenses were issued.

Three public health nuisance complaints were investigated and appropriate action was taken to correct the nuisances.

Thirty five temporary food service establishments were licensed during the annual fair. Each establishment operated in accordance with health laws.

During the summer months, regualr inspections were made at the town beach and bath house. Monthly samples were taken from the lake and from the water supply in the bath house.

Water samples were taken from the recreational camp supplies and from individual trailers in the trailer park.

Consultation was provided to the Board of Health on various health matters.

Regular monthly inspection was made at the town dump. Recommendations were made where necessary.

I wish to thank the people of Belchertown for the fine cooperation extended to me during 1969.

Respectfully submitted,
John A. Brickett, R.S.
Agent—Sanitarian

Dog Officer Report

I hereby submit my annual report as Dog Officer of the Town of Belchertown.

Stray

Stray dogs picked up and destroyed	70
Found owners of dogs	27
Dogs hit by cars	16
Dog complaints investigated	20

There were 237 unlicensed dogs on the warrant this year. This is extra work for the Dog Officer and extra expense to the town.

I recommend that more severe measures should be taken in the case of unlicensed dogs.

Respectfully submitted,
Wallace Chevalier
Dog Officer

Sewer Commission's Report

BELCHERTOWN
WATER DISTRICT

A rapid increase in the number of service connections to our sewer system has resulted in much higher costs for the treatment of our sewerage.

The flow meters at the State School treatment plant recorded 113,173,634 gallons, an increase of 16,010,631 gallons over that of last year. The percentage of costs were 61.03 per cent of the Town and 38.97 per cent for the State School.

Twelve new connections were installed during the year including the construction of a manhole and laying an eight inch sewer pipe across Federal Street to connect the new Bradford Collins Apartments. We now have a total of 284 services plus all of our public buildings. Connection charges were made for all of these and $1,500. was collected by the Town Treasurer for this expense.

As sewer charges are based on 50 per cent of the water used, a large part of the increased cost to the Town will be offset by the new water rates effective in 1970.

Maintenance problems consisted of stoppage in various sections of the system, mostly from root growth. This was treated treated-

Maintenance problems consisted of stoppages in various sections of the system, mostly from root growth. This was treated and prompt service was rendered to all.

We wish to thank the State School Personnel, Town Officials and residents for their cooperation during the year.

D. Donald Hazen
Peter A. Whittaker
Harry L. Brougham

Report of Tree Warden & Local Supt. of Insect Pest Control

I herewith submit my report for 1969 as Tree Warden and local Superintendant of Insect Pest Control.

Tree Warden: This Department did the usual amount of trimming low, dead and dangerous limbs, removal of twenty trees and planted twenty Rock Maple trees. We had two bad storms, one a wind and rain storm on May 29th, the other an ice storm on December 27, 28, and 29th. These left us with a lot of damage to clean up.

Dutch Elm Disease Department: There were forty-five Elm trees sampled for Dutch Elm Disease. Of these, twenty-eight were removed.

Insect Pest Control Department: The Elm trees were sprayed twice with Methoxychlor. Other trees were sprayed about town for tree pests.

Albert W. Brown
Tree Warden and local
Supt. of Insect Pest Control

Report of Sealer of Weights and Measures

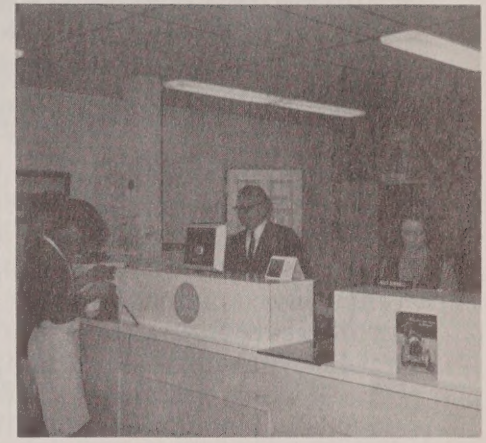
To: Selectmen of Town of Belchertown
Listed and Sealer—Jan. 1, 1969 to Dec. 1, 1969.

Scales over 10,000 lbs.	1
Scales 100 lbs. to 5,000 lbs.	8
Scales under 100 lbs.	15
Avoirdupois weights	24
Apathecary Troy weights	7
Gasoline pumps	20
Vehicle tanks	3
Kero. pumps	9
Grease pumps	9
Cloth measuring devices	3
Yard sticks	5

I have collected and turned over to the Town Treasurer fees amounting to $157.85.

Royal K. Gay
Sealer of Weights and
Measures

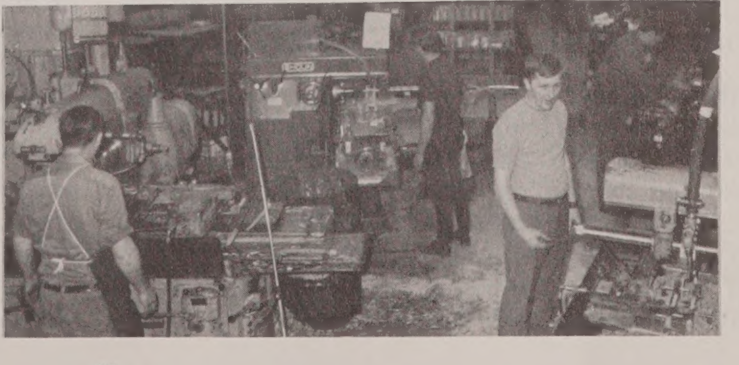
PAINTS
MORTEX
MORTEX

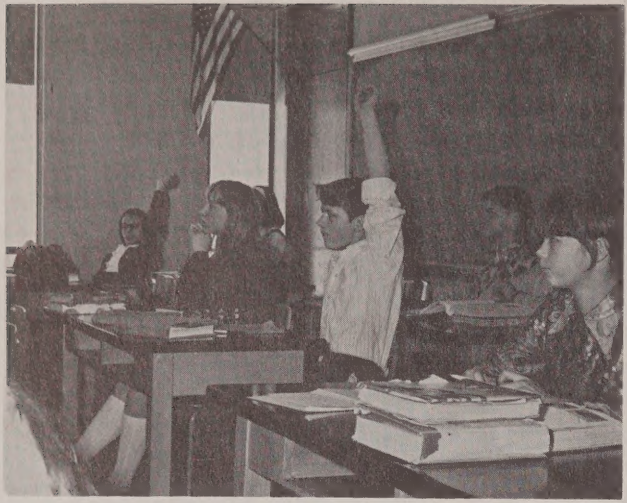


NEW
SATURDAY
BANKING HOURS
9 to 12

Esso DEALER

TEXACO
Coca-Cola
TIRE BATTERIES ACCESSORIES
BOB'S SERVICE





Belchertown School Committee Report

To the Citizens of Belchertown:

You School Committee met forty-four (44) times this year exclusive of Workshops, Seminars and Area V meetings.

The general maintenance program continued with classroom and exterior painting, refinishing furniture and sealing floors.

The heating system at Cold Spring School required the installation of new valves. Our flat roof "live-with" conditions continue to demand annual expenditures for this building. Upgrading continued at the Franklin, Center and Memorial buildings with such items as electrical fixtures, window shades and fire alarm system.

The Committee under an agreement with the Parks and Recreation Committee is sponsoring an Evening Practical Arts Program in sewing, knitting, ceramics and women's Physical Education. The Lion's Club continues with its Adult Physical Education Program for men at the High School.

The Committee wishes to express its appreciation to the Regional School District Study Committee for its excellent report and services. The sponsorship of a Regional Planning Committee was accepted by the voters of the Town recently, thereby, setting the framework for proposals under the Guidelines of Adequate, Unified School Districts.

The School Lunch Program under the management of Mrs. Ruth Richardson has received commendation from the Department of Education as a result of an improvement in efficiency of operations.

The Adminstration and Staff are commended for their cooperation in a Regional Drug Workshop, Regional Headstart Program, approval of our two (2) year Secondary accredited report and constant effort to improve the quality of education in our school system.

A three to four year program of up-grading the entire Franklin School commencing in the year 1970 will be presented to the Community with an effort to hold the budget within 10 to 20 per cent increase range.

The Belchertown School Committee commends the taxpayers for their support of our Educational System over the years. This effort is a sacrifice on the part of our voters for the youth of our town, particularly, where it requires approximately 70 per cent of our tax dollar.

Excellent school plant maintenance, dedicated personnel in all areas, a qualified staff and Administration make for a fine organization. We thank everyone for their assistance in these transitional years.

The Belchertown School Committe respectfully asks the Town to appropriate the sum of $947,546.00 for the operation of the schools during 1970.

Harold W. Willey, Chairman
Belchertown School Committee

Report of the Superintendent of Schools

To the Members of the School Committee and the Citizens of Belchertown:

The Public School of Belchertown are dedicated to educating every child to the maximum of his potential. To achieve this objective, Belchertown must progress along a two fold front: to meet the needs of the present while planning carefully for the needs of the future.

The closing of the decade of the 1960's is upon us and that of the 1970's has arrived. The past decade has been marked by the greatest changes in education as our knowledge and information has increased beyond belief. The pace of change should be even greater in the 1970's.

The Belchertown Public Schools are keenly aware of this two fold challenge with which they are faced. The year 1969 as this report will attempt to indicate marked continued progress with our basis educational programs in meeting the current needs of our pupils. Procedures included experimentation with new methods and approaches to educational problems plus a continuing program of research and evaluation.

Steps have been taken in the elementary schools in 1969 toward meeting our goals include the following:

An updating of the Mathematics Curriculum which included a fifteen (15) week course in modern mathematics for our teachers held during the evening. This program was designed to improve the teaching of Math at all levels. A Math workshop was also held for interested parents for six (6) consecutive weeks under the direction of the elementary principal.

A Future Teachers of America Tutorial Program was set up under direction of the principal. In this program high school youngsters tutored elementary pupils in reading and Math at the elementary schools on a weekly basis. Reports have shown this program to be very worthwhile.

A Pupil Personnel Services Committee was set up by the principal to help children having serious problems in learning. The Committee is composed of the principal—Mr. Barrett, Mrs. Avery, reading teacher and Mr. Millett, the guidance counselor. This group meets weekly to discuss and make recommendations for pupils having problems in school such as those with: learning disabilities, physical handicaps, emotional instability, or limited intelligence.

Individual Parent-Teacher conferences were held during American Education Week with 83 per cent of the parents in attendance. These conferences have proven very successful year after year.

Title I Summer Program for those children needing remedial help in mathematics and reading was held again at Cold Spring School during the summer of 1969. The Program called Project Upgrade proved very successful and will be held again next summer.

A modern Science Program called the Science Curriculum Improvement Study (S.C.I.S.) has been developed to begin in September, 1970 at Cold Spring School. This includes a National Science Foundation grat to train teachers at a three (3) week summer workshop to be held in Amherst next summer. All children (K—3) would be involved in this program at the Cold Spring School next fall.

A study of a Non-Graded Primary School has continued at Cold Spring School. Hopefully this program will start in the near future. Mr. Gary Millett, the guidance counselor, is arranging a workshop in group therapy to begin during the winter of 1970.

A new elementary Social Studies Program has been planned and hopefully will be implemented in grades (K—6) in the fall of 1970.

At the secondary level some of the measures which have been taken during 1969 to improve the curriculum are:

Social Studies:

During the past year an important new dimension has been added to the Social Studies Curriculum. It allows Seniors to elect semester courses in such areas as Comparative Economic Systems, Urban Problems, World Affairs, Ancient and Medieval History, Current Events, Social Problems, Modern European History and Consumer Economics. During the coming year additional electives will be offered and the perogative will be extended to both Juniors and Seniors.

Business Subjectives:

The Business Department at Belchertown Junior-Senior High School is constantly in the process of adapting its curriculum to meet changing social, economic, technological, and business needs.

All the subject content has been updated to include units covering new business terminology, the new occupational fields, data processing, computers, etc.

The Department has taken advantage of funds provided by the Government through the Vocational Education Act to provide multiple listening stations in the Stenography classes. Through the funds of this act, provision has also been made to give students more individualized instruction in the Office Training Class.

The Department has utilized speakers, office machine demonstrators, and field trips in order to bridge the gap between business and education.

Home Economics:

Last year was the first year Home Economics offered a sequential program for Grades, 7—12. The courses were designed to help students become skilled in all phases of home making. Units included are basic and advanced clothing construction, home care, textiles, meal planning and preparation, home furnishing, and purchasing a home.

Units in Child Development, Budgeting, Family Relationships, Interior Decorating, and Good Grooming will be introduced next year to promote greater participation of the high school students, and enrich our Home Economics Program in all grades.

Art:

This is the first year a sequential four year course in Art has been offered. Art I, is the beginning course and includes basic elements of Art such as Line, color, form, and texture. Art II, emphasizes the exploration by the student of ceramic problems, sculpture projects, and painting. Individual projects in the media of the student choice is the basis for Art III. The fourth course is an Art Seminar which requires extensive reading on a specific subject chosen by the student and advise by the teacher followed by an oral report to the class. This course follows along the lines of independent study.

Mathematics:

The Mathematics Curriculum included a new course in September, 1969: Introductory Calculus Part I. During the year, the course Principles of advanced Mathematics was altered. Students who complete the first half of the year in this course may choose to go on with mathematical analysis or with intermediate algebra.

Introductory Calculus Part II will be added to the curriculum in September, 1970.

Future course additions which are being considered now are a course in Algebra which a student would take for two (2) years, and a course in Geometry which a student would take for two (2) years.

Science:

In conjunction with the expanding program of studies, the Science Department updated its curriculum by adding semester courses in some areas, in order to provide more felxibility in the selection of courses available. An obsolete course in General Chemistry was replaced by Soil and Water Science for the first half of the year, and woodland Ecology will be offered during the sping of 1970. Survey of Science I and II replaced Aerospace and Introductory Laboratory Technique was added for upper classmen.

Students and teachers attended Science in Action Day at the University of Massachusetts in Amherst and all participants took part in workshops that varied from the psychological aspects of food-tasting to telemetry; from embryology of quail eggs to the staining of blood from a cockroach. A Marine Science conference at Boston University attracted five (5) students who lived in college dormitories for three (3) days as they attended seminars and lectures, and took part in workshops that introduced some of the basic concepts of oceonography. They were also given an opportunity to visit the new Boston seaquarium.

Through special funds available from a Title III, Science Project, written during the past year, it was possible to obtain additional equipment for the improvemnt of Earth Science for Grade 9 and to implement a Laboratory Program for the Junior High. It is hoped that further improvement can be made in this area during the coming year.

Courses to be added during the coming year include Advanced Biology and Independent Science for Seniors; PSCS Physics; and an innovative course called Science Vista, designed to keep students abreast of timely and often unexplored fields of science such as mineralogy, crystallography, archaeology, and oceanography.

Remedial Reading:

For the first time since its inception circumstances are such that the Remedial Reading Program can function as was originally intended. A variety of work areas are kept set up with machines and materials. A teacher-pupil group uses an area adapted to their purposes. At the same time pupils having periods can come in and use these prearranged areas to work with self-directing, self-correcting material for practice and application according to their diagnosed needs. This extra time, voluntarily spent in a controlled situation, added to instructional time should result in significant progress.

English:

During the past year the English Department has changed some of its reading requirements in an effort to find material better suited to the ability, needs, and interests of the Students. At present the Department is considering the possibility and the advisability of having some elective Semester courses. Four years of English will still be required, but there would be more flexibility in selection of courses. Our college preparatory class was organized in a lecture, seminar and independent study fashion. This was, of course, a pilot program, and has proven very successful.

Library:

The use of the library has increased continually since the opening of the new school. This year the increase has been especially noticeable, due not only to the growing school enrollment, but also to the number and type research papers and projects assigned by the teachers.

The amount for books alloted from Federal Funds (E.S.E.A., II) gave the book collection a great boost this year. Along with other of the more expensive reference tools two (2) new sets of encyclopedias were purchased. A amall bookcase was purchased in order to put books on reserve for use in the room. This has been especially helpful to the students and teachers.

From January 1969 until the end of the school year a Poetry Club and a 7th and 8th grade Reading Club met in the library, and the Poetry Club had and interesting field trip to Emily Dickinson's home. The Junior High Club studies and discussed the culture and the plight of the American Indian.

Foreign Languages:

French is available to the Seventh and eighth grade students. The first half of Level I is completed in the seventh grade and the second half in the eighth grade. Stress is made on comprehension and speaking as well as reading and writing.

Three (3) Language Programs are available to the students in grades, 9—12.
Latin, French and Spanish

At the present time (4) levels of French are being offered. Students in Levels III and IV are given the opportunity for individual study as well as increased literature. It is possible that a fifth level will be required next year.

The students in the Spanish I and II classes are developing their language skills in ther natural and proper order—listening, speaking, reading, and writing. The curriculum will incorporate a Spanish III course next year.

The Latin I class is making good progress in learning the basics of the language and in seeing how closely English words are related to their Latin roots.

Journalism:

(Journalism continues to provide—in addition to classwork with the use of textbooks, newspapers and reference material—the actual experience of reporting and writing for the school paper, the Belchertown Sentinel and, occasionally, other papers. The historical importance of journalism and its present day influence are studies, and class members have an opportunity to learn about preparing copy and producing the yearbook, as well as the **Echo**.)

Late Bus:

The continuance of the late bus from the high school has been a great blessing to our high school programs. More students are able to remain after school for athletic programs, band rehearsals, make-up sessions, and extra help sessions with the teachers. For the small cost to the town it is well worth the money. We receive back from the State about 90 per cent of the cost of the lat bus which makes the actual cost to the town about $320.

Federal Funds:

The continued use of Federal money from projects written by administrators and staff has made possible many many valuable additions to our programs. The use of these funds to pay for items in our budget has also made possible the large balance of $18,256.73 which the School Committee has returned to the Town on December 31, 1969.

High School Accreditation:

The two (2) year report filed with the New England Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools has met with the full approval of this group and means that our high school has received full accreditation from the highest ranking Association in the country in the academic field. We cannot rest on our laurels, however, but must continue to further implement the recommendations of this group so that we may be assured of continued success when our next report must be filed in June, 1972.

I express my gratitude to the Chairman and members of the Belchertown School Committee, to the principals and teachers, to the non-academic staff, and to the parents and citizens of Belchertown for their dedicated efforts and and support which have enabled the Belchertown Public Schools to move forward during this past year.

Respectfully submitted,
John B. Curry, Jr.
Superintendent of Schools

SCHOOL FINANCIAL REPORT

Receipts:

Budget, 1969	$821,099.00	
Less: P.L. 874	13,971.00	$807,128.00
Expenditures, 1969		788,871.00
Unexpended in 1969		$18,256.73

Reimbursements:

Paid to Town of Belchertown from Sources other than local taxation:

A. Chapter 70 School Aid		$157,310.28
B. Chapter 71 Transportation		45,406.31
C. Chapter 69 Special Education		8,693.82
D. Chapter 76 State Wards		
Tuition:	$4,338.26	
Transp.	770.97	5,109.23
E. Chapter 74 Vocational Education		4,305.24
F. Title V. Guidance		878.00
		$221,702.88

Recapitulation:

Total costs of Schools	$788,871.27
Offset to 1970 Taxes	221,702.88
Actual Cost to Town, 1969	$567,168.19
Actual Cost to Town, 1968	$504,087.55

Classification of School Expenditures, 1969

1000—GENERAL CONTROL

School Committee Expense	$436.85
Superintendent of Schools:	
Salaries:	
Superintendent and Clerical	26,399.62
Expense:	
Travel, Printing, Office Supplies, Advertising and Dues	2,052.33
	$28,888.80

2000—INSTRUCTION

Salaries:	
Teachers, Principals, Supervisors, Aides, Substitutes, Tutoring, Driver Education	$500,005.42
Supervison Expenses:	
Clerical Salaries and Office Supplies	14,260.41
Instructional Supplies and Textbooks	39,274.90
	$553,540.73

3000—OTHER SCHOOL SERVICES

Salaries and Expenses:		
Law Enforcement		$150.00
Health		8,248.79
Food Services		11,691.89
Transportation:		
Regular Routes	59,175.38	
Field Trips	1,105.04	60,280.42
Athletics		9,194.91
Student Activity		300.00
		$89,866.01

4000—OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE

Salaries: Custodial	$47,232.83
Expense:	
Supplies and Utilities	29,340.82
Maint. and Repairs	18,881.44
	$95,455.09

5000—FIXED CHARGES

Expense:	
Band equipment insurance and truck registration	$72.00

7000—ACQUISITION OF FIXED ASSETS

Expense:	
Audio Visual and Library Equipment	$1,980.49

9000—PROGRAMS WITH OTHER SCHOOLS

Vocational Education	$300.00
Tuition, EPA	12,117.70
Tuition, Day	12,117.70

9000—PROGRAMS WITH OTHER SCHOOLS

Vocational Education	
Tuition, EPA	$3000.00
Tuition, Day	12,117.70
Transportation	6,650.45
	$19,068.15

TOTAL SCHOOL EXPENDITURES	$788,871.27

Proposed Budget 1970

1000	Administration	$31,795.00
2000	Instruction	659,900.00
3000	Other School Services	116,341.00
4000	Maintenance of School Plant	108,240.00
5000	Fixed Charges	72.00
7000	Fixed Assets	5,318.00
9000	Programs with Other Schools	25,880.00
		$947,546.00

In accordance with the Regulations of Section 6, Chapter 70, Acts of the General Laws, the Belchertown School Committee cannot, at this time, give any definite amount of anticipated receipts for 1970. Although Belchertown is entitled to more than $230,000.00, the Tax Department of the Massachusetts Department of Education advises that this is the amount we should expect.

The anticipated receipts for 1970 include the following:

Chapter 70 (School Fund)	$230,000.00
Chapter 71 (Transportation)	62,565.00
Chapter 76 (State Ward Transportation)	648.00
Chapter 76 (State Ward Tuition)	4,060.00
Chapter 74 (Voc. Educational Tran- Transportation)	2,820.00

Chapter 69 (Special Education)		12,790.00
		$312,883.00
Federal Aid: Public Law 874	12,500.00	
		$325,383.00
Approximate amount to be raised by location taxation		$622,163.00

Belchertown School Committee:
Harold W. Willey, Chairman
Lloyd C. Chadbourne
Richard D. Pratt
Dorothy A. Rhodes
Betty Jean Jackson

Pathfinder Regional School Committee

The Board of Selectmen
Belchertown,
Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

As the Belchertown representative on the Pathfinder Regional Vocational-Technical High School District Committee, I submit to you the Annual Report for 1969 and the Operating and Maintenance Budget for 1970.

Annual Report

January of 1969 saw the Pathfinder Regional Vocational-Technical High School District Committee hard at work to provide vocational and technical education for the townspeople of Belchertown, Hardwick, Monson, New Braintree, North Brookfield, Palmer, Ware, Warren and West Brookfield. A Site Committee was exploring possible sites for the proposed school in the Ware-Palmer area. An Architect Committee was wrapping up their duties searching for the best architect for the job, and the Superintendent was preparing the educational specifications for the school.

Two very important surveys were underway: Replies to questionnaires sent to business and industries in the immediate geographic area showed that two-thirds (5,922 out of 9,558) of those employed held jobs that were classified as skilled or semi-skilled. Several firms noted shortages of skilled workers and some stated that vacancies in their staff existed because of the lack of available skilled workers. Virtually all of the industrial leaders strongly supported the need for vocational and technical education in this area. A questionnaire sent to parents of children in grades 5—8 indicated that if vocational and technical education was available locally, there would be approximately 1500 potential students in the nine towns.

In February the Committee engaged the architectural firm of Drummey Rosane and Anderson of Newton Lower Falls with a letter of intent. The potential sites for the school was narrowed down to three: two in Ware and one in Palmer. The Educational Specifications were completed and accepted by the State Department of Education.

In April the Town of West Brookfield decided to withdraw from the District. This automatically voided the planning grant vote scheduled for May 5. At town meetings on that date the Towns of North Brookfield and Warren made known their desires to withdraw from the District also. All three town were voted out of the District by the member towns during the summer of 1969.

Having lost one-third of the District and about one-fourth of the student population the Committee voted to reduce the size of the proposed school from 750 to 500 students and the estimated cost of construction and equipping the school from $5,250,000 to $3,500,000.

When the planing grant of $175,000 was requested on September 9, three of the towns (Palmer, Monson and New Braintree) voted to incur debt while Hardwick, Belchertown and Ware voted to the negative. Ware voiced it's desire to withdraw at that time and formalized the vote on October 29.

The Committee, greatly disappointed by the apparent falling apart of the District and the lack of appropriation for the planning grant, contemplated their next step. After meeting with school superintendents and Associate Commissioner of Occupational Education, Mr. Walter Markham, the Committee felt that there were still many valid reasons to continue with their plans:

1. Recent surveys show that approximately 40—60 per cent of all high school students should avail themselves of some form of occupational training.
2. Tuition costs at both Springfield and Worcester Trade Schools have increased and will increase again next year.
3. Both Worcester and Springfield Trade Schools are expanding their course offerings to their own pupils and will soon have no room for tuition students.
4. After December 31, 1969, it will be mandatory that each town provide their students with an opportunity for vocational education.

5. The Pathfinder Committee and local civic leaders feel that if this area is to grow economically on a par with the rest of the State, a vocational-technical school is a must.

The need having been reestablished the Committee was faced with the reality of the cost of a new school. A $3,500,000 school would be more than the five towns could share with the current state reimbursement of 44 per cent. Representative Alexander Lolas of Monson, a staunch supporter of Pathfinder, is sponsoring three bills in the legislature that will enable the District to be eligible for maximum (65 per cent) school building aid. An additional 10 per cent of the cost is anticipated from the Federal Government, leaving only 25 per cent of the construction cost to be borne by the towns in the District.

The Pathfinder Committee will continue in operation in 1970 in the event that, with additional financial aid, the school can become a reality. We urge all citizens to seriously consider the needs, the costs and the alternatives to continuing the Pathfinder project.

The Committee wishes to thank all the persons who have helped during the past year: The town officials for their time and interest, school superintendents for their help and support, industrial leaders and parents who took the time to answer our questionnaires, the schools, churches, etc. who allowed up the use of their mimeographing equipment, private citizens who helped address the brochures and all the interested voters who attended the informational meetings.

Respectfully submitted,
David A. Staples
Belchertown Committeeman

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR 1969

Balance, January 1, 1969	$4,751.44
RECEIPTS:	
Apportioned shares from member towntowns	$28,019.80
xGeorge Barden Fund (Federal Funds)	8,500.00
Payroll deductions	5,470.94
	$41,990.74
EXPENDITURES:	
xSalary of Superintendent	$17,335.46
Salary of Secretary	3,474.00
Salary of Treasurer	1,000.00
Withholding Taxes	4,140.37
Payments to Retirement Board	757.12
Health and Life Insurance Payments	520.44
Office Expenses	5,582.51
Treasurer's Expenses	73.56
	$32,883.46
BALANCE FROM 1969 FUNDS:	$9,107.28
Balance due from 1969 Apportionment:	595.20
ANTICIPATED BALANCE FROM 1969 FUNDFUNDS:	$9,702.48

xThe George Barden Fund pays 50 per cent of the salary of the Superintendent.

Respectfully submitted,
Francis J. Lynch
Treasurer

Report of School Nurse

Herewith is submitted the School Health Report for 1969:

The health picture for 1969 has been similar to that of last year. Although there are no formal health education classes held, advantage is taken at every opportunity to impress the importance of keeping well by practicing good health habits. Observation indicates that many come to school without breakfast for various reasons, thus contributing toward physical and mental inertia.

School health services dictated by law as well as voluntary services have been fully executed and records kept. The following are some of the programs practiced each year. Dr. Kenneth L. Collard, school physician and also the local Board of Health doctor, has performed school physical examinations and administered at the Clinics. There were 413 pupils examined in all, with only eight (8) by their family physician. Parents were made aware of the positive findings and recommendations made for further diagnosis and treatment when indicated.

All students were measured and weighed. Vision testing of 1,111 pupils showed 70 of them needing glasses. Hearing testing by Pure-Tone Audiometer of 1,104 students resulted in fifty-three (53) failing the test. Parents and teachers were notified of any defects or impairments so that each student would receive the best possible consideration.

In this era of "Pollution" consciousness there seems one area which needs attention but is extremely difficult to control. Children are still coming to school while sick or not fully recovered from their illness. In addition to endangering an already weakened child to further complications, it causes disturbances in the classroom and exposes other students to further complication, it causes in the classroom and exposes other students and teachers to infection. Due to mass immunization programs there has been a remarkable decrease in incidences of Measles and Mumps. It is hoped that German Measles will be the next target in the very near future. Several clinics were conducted in the health rooms in the Cold Spring School and the High School in conjunction with the local Board of Health. On April 2, 30 and May 21, Smallpox vaccinations were made available to 41 preschool children and high school seniors. Measles vaccine was administered to 106 persons. The Oral Polio vaccine (Trivalent) was given to 605 persons. This series of vaccine will continue on January 14, 1970, and completed next year for those who were beginners. Flu shots were also given to all school personnel who desired this protection.

With the cooperation of the State Health Department and the Hampshire County Public Health Association (TB Seals), Mantoux testing (TB Skin Test) clinic was held at all the schools on October 6, for children who had parental permission notes. A total of 301 persons were tested. One student in the first grade and one senior were positive reactors. Follow-up work was done by the school nurse. Eleven (11) school contacts were tested and x-rayed. The father of one was found to have active tuberculosis and was immediately hospitalized and is now under treatment. Due to the fact that this man worked in a local plant, all employees were x-rayed upon the request of the local Board of Health. This clinic was also held in the high school health room. In all, 88 adults were x-rayed and twelve (12) children Mantoux tested. As a result, all those who were positive reactors to the Mantoux test were put on INH medication for precautionary measures and will be checked periodically.

All factors considered, the Belchertown Public School population is fortunate in being quite healthy in comparision to some other communities and I hope it will continue this way.

Tirzah D. Juskalian, R.N.
School Nurse

Executive Secretary Study Committee

We herewith submit the final report of the Town Manager, Executive Secretary study committee.

A progress report was submitted for the 1968 annual report. In this report we recommended that the town approve the increased budgets for Selectmen's expenses, town accountant, highway and Police departments for a full time town accountant and Selectmen's secretary. These budgets were increased and we now have a full time person combining the positions of town accountant, Selectmen's secretary, highway and Polce secretaries. We feel that this change has worked out very satisfactorily.

It is the opinion of this committee that we do not need the services of a town manager or an executive secretary at the present time.

The difference between an executive secretary and a town manager is that the executive secretary does not have independent administrative authority established by a special act. His authority is best described by this sentence in Section 23 of Chapter 41 of the General Laws: "He shall act by and for the Selectmen in any manner which they may assign to him relating to the administration of the affairs of the town or any town office under their supervision and control, or, with the approval of the Selctmen, may perform such other duties as may be requested by him or any other town officer, board, committee or commission." The executive secretary, therefore, has only that authority delegated to him by the Selectmen or other officer or board.

We recommend that the town request the services of the Bureau of Government Research at the University of Massachusetts to conduct a survey on the administration of government in the town of Belchertown and that a committee be established to further study the hiring of an executive secretary. This action to be initiated at the 1972 Annual Meeting or earlier if deemed necessary.

It has been a pleasure to serve the town on this committee and we hope that our recommendations will eventually result in a more efficient town government.

Alfred C. Drew, Jr., Chairman
Bernard Bowler
Frank E. Farrington, Jr.
William R. Malmstedt
Edward H. Parker
Study Committee

Housing Authority Progress Report

Following the Town's vote to establish the Belchertown Housing Authority at a special Town Meeting on September 16, 1968, the Authority has met every month at the appointed times and at many other special meetings. Every effort has been made to expedite the establishment of the Housing Project.

By-Laws were adopted, an official Seal and stationery were procured; various sites were proposed and investigated by the Authority; Preliminary Application was duly made to the Department of Community Affairs (DCA) in Boston; a member of the DCA was induced to visit the town and pass judgment on the various sites to be considered. The DCA representative agreed with the choice of the Authority as to the most acceptable location.

An architectural firm was selected and approved by the DCA. This is a firm which has designed and supervised the building of several similar nearby projects, some of which the Authority viewed and highly approved of. Legal counsel, surveyors and appraisers were approached, proposed and approved of by the DCA. As yet there have been no funds made available by the Commonwealth for our own or similar new Housing projects, but we have to share in them. Meanwhile, all contracts and agreements have had to be conditioned on the eventual availability of funding and therefore have been written and accepted on a contingency basis.

In mid-December, 1969, a meeting was held in Boston with the DCA and attended by one Authority member and our legal counsel. At this meeting details were reviewed which had to do with the many regulations and requirements for the establishment and operation of the actual physical plant we hope to build.

Briefly, then, here is a record of such progress as your Authority has been able to make:

1. Belchertown has established the Housing Authority

2 Application has been made to the DCA and has been approved for the construction of the Housing project

3. Architects have been selected, contracted with, and approval from the DCA has been received. Reinhardt Associates of Springfield, Mass.

4. Legal Counsel has been selected, contracted with and approved by the DCA. Winthrop S. Dakin, Esq. of Amherst with offices in Northampton

5. A Surveyor to establish the proposed property lines and to take necessary boring and elevations has been selected, contracted with and approved by the DCA. Almer Huntley, Jr. and Associates, Inc. of Northampton

6. An appraiser to help establish a fair price for the contemplated real estate involved has been selected, contracted with and is acceptable to the DCA. Mr. Harold Willey of Belchertown

7. As previously stated, a building site was selected, proposed and approved by the DCA. Property at the South end of Everett Avenue.

8. We have secured from the Board of Selectmen a statement that off-site improvements required by the DCA will be accomplished after the Town has voted favorably thereon.

All interested parties have agreed to proceed with their work on the beforementioned contingency basis with the expectation that actual funds will soon be made available.

It is now principally a case of waiting for the Legislature to take action on the appropriation of the necessary funds, and for the ice and snow to disappear in order for the survey, test borings and preliminary designs to be made.

We have been told, after several disappointments that funds should be available in April of 1970. It should be borne in mind that while the cost to Belchertown is nothing other than the possible furnishing of some minor off-site facilities, the overall investment by the Commonwealth in Belchertown's project will run in the vicinity of three quarters of a million dollars. The expenditure of such a sum is a matter to be approached cautiously and with due deliberation as we are sure all will agree.

Belchertown Housing Authority
James B. Baker
Edna H. Camp
Harold W. Curtis
H. Morgan Ryther
Hudson Holland, Chmn.

Parks and Recreation Report

Our recreation program really had its ups and downs this year. We had had hopes for a bigger and better program but things just did not seem to work out well at all. To point out a few of our problems: two life guards who were recommended to us as highly dependable, proved to be highly undependable and it took up half the summer to get the beach operating property. A broken sewer pipe at the beach caused an unexpected expenditure in our budget. Lack of help and organization resulted in a poor baseball program, and lack of interested youth resulted in an extremely poor playground program, which was terminated ahead of schedule.

We started the year with a new member on our committee and before the year was over, two members resigned and two new ones were appointed. It is very difficult to run smoothly with changing personnel. Ideas aren't followed through or are changed in mid-stream, contacts lost; all contributing to poor results in our programs.

The year was not a total loss, however. The common was raked and cleaned by the Freshman class, a job well done. Our swimming program was very successful, thanks to Miss Laura Cooke, and her assistant, Pam Cooke. An adult class for woman was added to the swimming program as well as a one mile swim class. A new dock was built to aid in the diving lessons, and although it did get broken, due to unforseen problems, it will be repaired to be used again in our next program.

Fortunately for us, in mid-July, a young girl came to us looking for a job as life guard. We immediately hired her, part time at first, but full time very soon afterwards, as the life guard we had was very unreliable. Miss Beaudoin proved to be the most reliable and conscientious life guard we have ever had.

The BUSY group again had their "Busy Box" at the beach, and also after a week's postponement, their Aqua-Lua-Rama.

The volunteers we had on the baseball program worked hard and did a good job, but it takes more than two or three people to see the job through successfully. We certainly appreciate the efforts of those who did work with the kids so faithfully.

The Arts & Ceramics class held during the winter months presented a very successful display of their works in May. All who attended the classes enjoyed them immensely.

All grounds and buildings under our supervision were cared for as needed. The inside of the beach house was cleaned and painted by the boys of the Senior class, under the direction of Mr. Russo. All openings in the beach house were boarded up to prevent vandalism during the winter months. The picnic tables were given a protective coat of preservative by the Girl Scouts, under the direction of Mrs. Russo. This was one of their many "Service Projects". The tables were removed from the beach area, and stored for the winter. The skating rink on the common is being used daily—with no trouble this year of alternating freezing and thawing conditions—just one big continual FREEZE.

Some of the work we had planned to have done, did not get done due to the unavailability of some one to do it. And as mentioned before, some plans were changed in mid-stream due to changing personnel.

Again, we learned things from experience, and these experiences have helped us to plan our future programs. Sometimes something works, and sometimes, not. Then we try a little harder.

Respectfully submitted,
Loren Shumway, Chairman
Parks and Recreation Committee

Committee to Investigate Sewer and Water Conditions in South Belchertown

This committee was formed at a special town meeting held after the Bondsville fire and was continued at the annual town meeting of 1969.

The principal objective of this committee is to determine what can be done to improve the water condition for household and public safety purposes, and to further determine solutions to abate the pollution of Swift River. The problem we have concerning both water and sewage is shared with the Village of Bondsville in Palmer, and therefore our approach has been in reaching a solution with the neighboring community.

Representatives of this committee have met during the year with the Belchertown Board of Selectmen, the Palmer Board of Selectmen, the Bondsville Water Company, and the Bondsville Fire District, and federal agencies to discuss possible remedies to our common problem.

The Bondsville Fire District was authorized by act of legislation in 1969 to form a Bondsville Fire and Water District and are currently in the process of negotiating with the Bondsville Water Company to acquire the assets of this private concern and to modify the service. Since the

South Belchertown water takers cannot become a member of this system without additional legislation, we feel that we should continue purchasing water and when the new district is operable petition for modifications of the water mains on our side of the river.

The sewage pollution problem is most pressing, since the State Board of Health has notified both Palmer and Belchertown that the river pollution must cease and desist by 1972. The Town of Palmer has been ordered to build a sewage disposal plant and we feel that a possible solution lies in the installation of an interceptor sewer line to tie in with Palmer. The people availing themselves of the sewer would pay a sewer rental fee similiar to those in the center of Belchertown. There are approximately 25 to 30 families, a school, and a church involved. The State Board of Health has stated that we must hire a consultant engineer by April 1 of this year, and we strongly recommend that this be done to avail ourselves of professional advising.

Again we wish to state that we feel that we are progressing and submit this as an interim report. We wish to thank the Belchertown Board of Selectmen, the Palmer Board of Selectmen and the Bondsville Fire District for their splendid cooperation during the past year.

John Avery
Harry Brougham
John Garvan, Jr.
Stanley Handzel
Jane Kubacki

Warrant for Annual Town Meeting March 3 and 10, 1969

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Hampshire, ss.

To any of the constables of the Town of Belchertown, in said County,
GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn all the inhabitants of the Town of Belchertown, qualified to vote in elections of Town officers, to meet at the several polling places in said Belchertown, designated by the Selectmen, to wit:

IN PRECINCT A, at Lawrence Memorial Hall in Jabish Street

IN PRECINCT B at the Franklin School Building in Franklin Street, South Belchertown, on Monday, the third day of March, A.D. 1969, at eight o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to give in their votes on one ballot to precincts officers of the several polling precincts of said Town for the following officers, to wit: a Moderator, a Town Clerk, a School Committee member, a Tree Warden, each for one year; a Selectman, a Cemetery Commissioner, a Board of Health member, a Regional School District Committee member, and two School Committee members, each for three years; a Planning Board member for five years; and four members of the Belchertown Housing Authority.

The Polls will open at eight o'clock in the forenoon and be closed at eight o'clock in the evening.

And you are further required to notify and warn all the inhabitants of said Belchertown, qualified to vote in Town affairs, to meet at the Lawrence Memorial Hall in said Belchertown on Monday, the tenth day of March, A.D. 1969, at 7:30 o'clock in the evening, then and there to act on the following articles, vis:

ARTICLE 1. To choose the following named officers by nomination; Two (2) Almoners of the Whiting Street and the Mrs. Susan M.D. Bridgman Funds, each for one (1) year; and one (1) trustee of the Calvin Bridgman Fund for three (3) years.

ARTICLE II. To hear reports of the officers of the Town and any committees that may have been appointed by the Town and act thereon.

ARTICLE III. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate to the Clapp Memorial Library Account the dog license refund of 1968, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE IV. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Assessors, the Cemetery Commissioners, the Sewer Commissioners, and the Tree Warden to appoint themselves to work in their various departments for the ensuing year, at hourly rates not to exceed the following: Assessors—$2.00 per hour, Cemetery Commissioners—$2.00 per hour, Sewer Commissioners—$2.75 per hour—Tree Warden—$2.50 per hour or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE V. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Insurance Reserve Account a sum of money to the Insurance Account, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE VI. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Road Machinery Earnings Account a sum of money to the Road Machinery Expense Account, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE VII. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury a sum of money for Chapter 81 Highways, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE VIII. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury a sum of money for Chapter 90 Highway Construction, Program of 1969, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE IX. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury a sum of money for Chapter 90 Maintenance, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE X. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, (Chapter 616, Acts of 1967), a sum of money toward the permanent construction of Federal Street, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE XI. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, (Chapter 616, Acts of 1967), a sum of money toward the permanent construction of East Street, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE XII. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury a sum of money for improvements of the following streets, all public ways: Allen Street, Bardwell Street, Daniel Square, Gold Street, Michael Sears Road, Orchard Street, Pine Street, Shaw Street or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE XIII. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate sums of money as shall be deemed necessary to defray the expenses listed in the Finance Committee report for the current year, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE XIV. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue for the financial years beginning January 1, 1969, and January 1, 1970, in accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 4, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 17, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE XV. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, a sum of money for the purchase of a new slide-in sander for the Highway Department, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE XVI. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, a sum of money for the purchase of a new snow plow for the Highway Department, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE XVII. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, a sum of money for the purchase of a new one-ton truck with switch-blade control and nine-foot snow plow for the Highway Department, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE XVIII. To see fi the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, a sum of money for the purchase of a new pick-up for the Highway Department, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE XIX. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, a sum of money for the puchase of a new Police Cruiser, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE XX. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, the sum of one hundred ($100.00) dollars for the use of the Conservation Commission, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE XXI. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, a sum of money to add to the account already established for the purpose of constructing a field house on Parsons Field, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE XXII. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, the sum of one dollar ($1.00) for the purpose of purchasing a parcel of land consisting of 1187.5 square feet, belonging to Gould and Charlotte P. Ketchen, to use for cemetery purposes, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE XXIII. To see if the Town will vote to accept the gift of an easement in land situated on the Easterly side of Federal Street between Federal Street and Arcadia Pond granted to the Town by John R. Scott and Rose A. Scott, September 23, 1968, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE XXIV. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, a sum of money to pay the Town's apportioned share of the operating budget of the Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School District for the calendar year 1969, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE XXV. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury a sum of money to construct a water main to connect with the Amherst water main at or near a point situated on Route 9 at the Amherst-Pelham Town Line and running from that point along said Route 9 a distance of 500 feet, more or less, to the Belchertown Town Line, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE XXVI. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sum of money for bills incurred in 1968: Quabbin Printing Co., Inc.—$52.20, Hadley Grain Co.—$58.75, Chenier's Gravel Bank—$29.40, Donald F. Bock—$115.14 or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE XXVII. To see if the Town will vote to set the following fees for the purchase of lots in the Town Cemeteries:

(a) For eight (8) graves lot	$80.00
(b) For four (4) graves lot	$40.00
(c) For a single grave	$10.00

and to set the following rates therein for perpetual care:

(a) For eight (8) graves lot	$100.00
(b) For four (4) graves lot	$60.00
(c) For a single grave	$15.00

or take anv action relative thereto.

ARTICLE XVIII. To see if the Town will vote vote to require any person or firm engaging the services of the Tree Warden and Moth Superintendent respectively, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE XXIX. To see if the Town will vote to rescind its action taken under Article 11 of the Warrant for the Special Town Meeting held September 16, 1968, relative to the construction of a sidewalk on Fuller Street, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE XXX. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning By-Laws by deleting therefrom Section IV-B 2c and substituting in its place the following words:

"(c) Gravel, Sand and Earth Removal. Digging and removal of gravel, sod, clay, sand, quarried stone and other mineral deposits, provided however, that no such digging and removal shall be permitted within 150 feet of any public street or private way open to the public; no such special permit shall be granted by the Board of Appeals for a period in excess of five (5) years; and further provided the allowable depth of excavation will be determined by the Board of Appeals based on the surrounding terrain, and the placing of top soil, and seed in cases where the same shall be deemed appropriate by the Board of Appeals shall be required." or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE XXXI. To see if the Town will amend the Zoning By-Law by deleting therefrom Section VII-C in its entirety and substituting the following words:

"Amendments to the Zoning By-Law and Zoning Map. No Amendments to this By-Law and No zone line or zone as indicated on the Zoning By-Law Map, which is a part of this By-Law, shall be changed except by vote at a Town Meeting after the Planning Board has held a public hearing thereon, after due notice given and has submitted a final report with recommendations to the Town Meeting or otherwise acted in accordance with the applicable provisions of general Laws Chapter 40A, as amended." or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE XXXII. To see if the Town will vote to delete from Section VII-B, first paragraph, the following words:

"The Board of Appeals shall refer its decisions to the Planning Board for recommendations at least thirty (30) days before any public hearing." or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE XXXIII. To see if the Town will delete from Section IV-A 2f the following words:

'In all cases the Board of Health must attest in writing to the Board of Appeals for the adequacies of the proposed sewer system for the number of families to be housed. Such report shall be rendered prior to any decision by the Board of Appeals." or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE XXXIV. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning By-Laws by adding at the end of Section IV-A 2f the following words:

"However, notwithstanding the foregoing, any such apartment building which is serviced by municipal water and sewer shall have available a lot area of at least 20,000 square feet, for the first unit and additional space of at least 2,500 feet for each additional unit." or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE XXXV. To see if the Town will vote to create a special unpaid committee to be known as a Regional School District Study Committee, to consist of five (5) members, plus the Superintendent of Schools as an ex-officio member, to be appointed by the Board of Selectmen to investigate the possiblity of forming a Regional School District, Kindergarten through Grade Twelve, as endorsed by the State Board of Education. The Study Committee to submit a progress report by September 1, 1969, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE XXXVI. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from unappropriated available funds, a sum of money, and that said sum shall be added to and become a part of the Stabilization Fund, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE XXXVII. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, a sum of money for use by the Assessors, to reduce the tax rate, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE XXXVIII. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof, one at the intersection of Gulf Road and Amherst Road, one at the intersection of Metacomet Street and Bay Road, one at the intersection of Rockrimmon Street and Chauncy Walker Street, one at the intersection of South Street and South Liberty Street, one at the intersection of Depot Street and Keyes Street, one at Town Hall, and one at Lawrence Hall, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk, at or before the time of holding said meeting.

GIVEN UNDER OUR HANDS this eighteenth day of February, A.D. 1969.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Wm. Gerry Whitlock, Chairman
William H. Squires, Jr.
Francis P. Loftus
Herbert E. Squires
Michael S. Mathras

To the Town Clerk:

The Town Meeting Warrant is returned herewith. The posting instructions contained in the warrant and in the Town By-Laws have been complied with.

Ernest M. Gay,
Constable
February 21, 1969.

A true copy
Attest: Robert D. Camp, Sr.
Town Clerk

Action Taken at Annual Town Meeting Held March 10, 1969

Moderator—Charles W. Jackson
Registered voters recored as present 195; Quorum required—25.
Meeting called to order at 7L30 p.m.

Invocation given by Rev. Joseph A. Burke

Resolution memorializing the passing of Rev. George R. Dudley and Kenneth F. Bristol adopted by unanimous vote in the affirmative.

Outstanding Citizen's Award presented to Frederick E. Lincoln by the Board of Selectmen. Mrs. Lena Wilson presented with silver vase and flowers by the Board of Selectmen in behalf of the town employees, honoring her many years of service to the community prior to her retirement.

Art.1—Elected Ruth B. Fuller and Sophia M. Pero as Almoners of the Whiting Street and Susan M.D. Bridgmen Funds, each for one year; and George A. Poole as trustee of the Calvin Bridgman Fund for three years.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes).

Art. 2—Voted to accept the reports of the officers of the town and of any committee that may have been appointed by the town with the exception of the Finance Committee.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes).

Art. 3—Voted to appropriate to the Clapp Memorial Library Account the sum of $541.27, the dog license refund of 1968.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes).

Art. 4—Voted to authorize the Assessors, the Cemetery Commissioners, the Sewer Commissioners and the Tree Warden to appoint themselves to work in their various departments for the ensuing year, not to exceed the following hourly rates: Assessors and Cemetery Commissioners $2.00 per hour, the Tree Warden $2.50 per hour and the Sewer Commissioners $2.75 per hour.

(Vote—Majority Yes).

Art. 5—Voted to appropriate from the Insurance Reserve Account the sum of $693.91 to the Insurance Account.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes).

Art. 6—Voted to transfer from the Road Machinery Account the sum of $4,900.00 to the Road Machinery Expense Account.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes).

Art. 7—Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $4,200.00 and that sum of $28,875.00 be transferred from unappropriated available funds in the treasury for Chapter 81 highways.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes).

Art. 8—Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $11,000.00 and that the sum of $33,000.00 be transferred from unappropriated available funds in the treasury for Chapter 90 highway construction, Program of 1969.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes).

Art. 9—Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $6,000.00 and that the sum of $12,000.00 be transferred from unappropriated available funds in the treasury for Chapter 90 maintenance.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes).

Art. 10—Voted to transfer from available funds in the treasury (Chapter 616, Acts of 1967), Highway Improvement Program) the sum of $3,500.00 for the permanent construction of 1,100 feet of Federal Street starting from a point of intersection of Route 9 and continuing in a westerly direction along said Federal Street.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes).

Art. 11—Voted to transfer from available funds in the treasury (Chapter 616, Acts of 1967. Highway Improvement Program) the sum of $2,781.12 for the permanent construction of 500 feet of East Street, starting from the Cold Spring Road intersection and continuing in a northerly direction along said East Street.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes).

Art. 12—Voted to transfer from available funds in the treasury the following sums of money for the improvements of the following streets, all public ways: Allen, Bardwell, Gold, Pine and Shaw Streets each $1,200.00. M. Sears Road $1,200.00; Daniel Square $1,300.00 and Orchard Street $1,800.00. (Total $10,300.00)

(Vote—Unanimous Yes).

Art. 13—Voted to fix the salaries and compensation of all elected officers of the town, as provided for by Section 108 of Chapter 41 of the General Laws, as amended; and to raise and appropriate or appropriate from available funds, monies for departmental and incidental expenses of the town for the ensuing year; and that the various major categories of the budget as contained in the Finance Committee's report be separately considered and acted upon; and further that these sums of money granted and appropriated for the several specific purposes therein designed, be expended only for these purposes as specifically designated under the direction of the respective officers, Boards and committess of the town.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes).

(Appropriated under 13—$1,168,924.90) (See attached list).

Art. 14—Voted to authorize the treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue for the financial years beginning January 1, 1969, and January 1, 1970, in accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 4 and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 17.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes).

Art. 15—Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $2,327.00 for the purchase of a slide-in sander for the highway department.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes).

Art. 16—Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $775.00 for the purchase of a new snow plow for the highway department.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Art. 17—Voted to take no action.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes).

Art. 18—Voted the sum of $1,800.00 be transferred from available funds in the treasury for the purchase of a new pick-up for the highway department.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes).

Art. 19—Voted the sum of $1,600.00 be transferred from available funds in the treasury for the purchase of a new police cruiser.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes).

Art. 20—Voted the sum of $100.00 be transferred from available funds in the treasury for the Conservation Fund, for use of the Conservation Commission.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes).

Art. 21—Voted the sum of $500.00 be transferred from available funds in the treasury to add to the account already established for the purpose of constructing a field house on Parsons Field.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes).

Art. 22—Voted the sum of $1.00 be transferred from available funds in the treasury for the purpose of purchasing a parcel of land consisting of 1187.5 square feet belonging to Gould & Charlotte P. Ketchen, to use for cemetery purposes.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes).

Art. 23—Voted to take no action.

(Vote—Majority Yes).

Art. 24—Voted to transfer from available funds in the treasury the sum of $3,267.83 for Belchertown's apportioned share of the operating budget of the Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School District for the calendar year 1969.

(Vote—Majority Yes).

Art. 25—Voted the sum of $4,000.00 be transferred from available funds in the treasury to construct a water main, to connect with the Amherst water main at or near a point situated on Route 9 at the Amherst-Pelham town line and running from that point along said Route 9 a distance of 500 feet, more or less, to the Belchertown town line.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes).

Art. 26—Voted to raise and appropriate the following sums of money for unpaid bills of 1968: Quabbing Printing Co., Inc.—$52.20; Hadley Grain Co. $58.75; Chenier's Grave Bank $29.40; Donald F. Bock $115.14. (Total $255.49).

(Vote—Unanimous Yes).

Art. 27—Voted to set the following fees for the purpose of lots in the town cemeteries: (a) for eight (8) graves lot—$80.00, (b) for four (4) graves lot—40.00, (c) for a single grave—15.00.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes).

Art. 28—Voted to require any person or firm engaging the services of the Tree Warden and Moth Superintendent in their official capacity, to pay for such services at the established town rates, said conpensation to be paid directly to the

Tree Warden and Moth Superintendent.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes).

Art. 29—Voted to take no action.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes).

Art. 30—Voted to amend the Zoning By-Law be deleting therefrom Section IV-B2c and substituting in its place the following words: "(c) Gravel, Sand and Earth Removal. Digging and removal of gravel, sod, clay, sand, quarried stone and other mineral deposits, provided however, that no such digging and removal shall be permitted within 150 feet of any public street or private way open to the public, unless in the opinion of the Board of Appeals the surrounding terrain will be improved by waiving this requirement, no such special permit shall be granted by the Board of Appeals for a period in excess of five (5) years; further provided the allowable depth of excavation will be determined by the Board of Appeals on the surrounding terrain, and the placing of top soil, and seed in cases where the same shall be deemed appropriate by the Board of Appeals, shall be required.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes).

Art. 31—Voted to take no action.

(Vote—Majority Yes).

Art. 32—Voted to delete from Section VII-B, first paragraph, the following words:"The Board of Appeals shall refer its decision to the Planning Board for recommendation at least thirty (30) days before any public hearing.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes).

Art. 33—Voted to delete from Section IV-A2f the following words: "In all cases the Board of Health must attest in writing to the Board of Appeals for the adequacies of the proposed sewer system for the number of families to be housed. Such report shall be rendered prior to any decision by the Board of Appeals.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes).

Art. 34—Voted to take no action.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes).

Art. 35—Voted to create a special unpaid committee to be known as a Regional School District Study Committee, to consist of five (5) members, plus the Superintendent of Schools as an ex-officio member, to be appointed by the Board of Selectmen to investigate the possiblity of forming a Regional School District, Kindergarten through Grade Twelve, as endorsed by the State Board of Education. The study to submit a progress report by September 1, 1969.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes).

Art. 36—Voted the sum of $10,000.00 be transferred from available funds in the treasury, to be added to and become part of the Stabilization Fund.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes).

Art. 37—Voted the sum of $17,000.00 be transferred from available funds in the treasury for use by the Assessors to reduce the tax rate.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes).

Art. 38—Voted to dissolve this meeting at 11:35 p.m.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes).

A true copy
Attest: Robert D. Camp, Sr.
Town Clerk

Appropriations & Transfers
Voted by Town Meeting
Held March 10, 1969

Art. No.	Account, department or project	Raised and Appropriated	Appropriated Available
1.	None	$—	$—
2.	None	—	—
3.	Clapp Memorial Library Account		541.27
4.	None	—	—
5.	Insurance Account	—	693.91
6.	Road Machinery expense account	—	
7.	Highways, Chapter 81	—	4,900.00
8.	Highways, Chapter 90 Construction	4,200.00	28,875.00
9.	Highways, Chapter 90 Maintenance	11,000.00	33,000.00
10.	Federal Street (Chap. 616, Acts of 1967)	6,000.00	12,000.00
11.	East Street (Chap. 616, Acts of 1967)	—	3,500.00
12.	Streets, sundry eight (8)	—	2,781.12
13.	Item:	—	10,300.00
	1. Moderator, expenses	25.00	
	2. Finance Committee expenses	315.00	—
	3. Selectmen Salaries; Chmn. 1000.00,		—
	four at 800.00	4,200.00	—
	Expenses	4,075.00	—

4.	Zoning By-Law Agent: Salary	300.00	—
	Expenses	200.00	—
5.	Town Accountant: Salary	2,450.00	—
	Expenses	950.00	—
6.	Treasurer: Salary	2,700.00	—
	Expenses	2,240.00	—
7.	Town Clerk; Salary	1,300.00	—
	Expenses	1,055.00	—
8.	Tax and Town Collector: Salary	2,900.00	—
	Expenses	2,410.00	—
9.	Assessors: Salary Chmn. 600.00, Two at 500.00	1,600.00	—
	Expenses & other wages	5,900.00	—
10.	Law Expenses	1,250.00	—
11.	Elections and Registrations	2,050.00	—
12.	Planning Board Expenses	800.00	—
13.	Municipal Buildings; Lawrence Memorial Hall	3,112.00	
	Town Garage	2,350.00	—
14.	Industrial Development Commission	150.00	—
15.	Police	31,569.00	—
16.	Fire	4,500.00	—
17.	Forest Fires	2,200.00	—
18.	Hydrant Service	3,000.00	—
19.	Sealer of Weights & Measures	300.00	—
20.	Inspector of Wiring	300.00	—
21.	Conservation Commission	480.00	—
22.	Civil Defense: Salary	300.00	—
	Expenses	360.00	—
23.	Water Storage Holes (Fire)	800.00	—
24.	Tree Services:		—
	Tree Warden Wages & Expenses	2,000.00	
	Insect pest control	800.00	—
	Dutch Elm Disease	1,300.00	—
25.	Board of Appeals	75.00	—
26.	Dog Officer Expenses	250.00	—
27.	Board of Health:		—
	Salaries Chmn. 150.00, two at 100.00	350.00	—
	Expenses	3,690.00	—
28.	Sewer:		—
	Salaries Chmn. 250.00, two at 200.00	650.00	—
	Expenses	9,800.00	—
29.	Town Dump	2,200.00	
30.	Highways, general	20,500.00	—
31.	Bridges	3,800.00	—
32.	Snow Removal	28,000.00	—
33.	Sidewalks, maintenance	1,500.00	—
34.	Street Lights	8,793.00	—
35.	Welfare	—	—
36.	Veterans Department, Salary	375.00	—
	Benefits & Expenses	6,500.00	—
37.	Schools:		—
	Administration	28,988.00	—
	Instruction	555,502.00	
	Other school services	97,022.00	—
	Operation and Maintenance of Plant	98,614.00	—
	Fixed Charges	78.00	
	Acquisition of Fixed Assets—Charges	2,424.00	—
	Programs with other schools	24,500.00	—
38.	Clapp Memorial Library	4,500.00	—

39. Parks, Beach & Recreation	8,984.00	—
40. Cemeteries: Salaries; Chmn. 200.00, one at 200.00 one at 100.00	500.00	—
General care, expenses	5,745.00	—
Soldiers Graves Expenses	200.00	—
41. Pensions: Town Employees	15,287.90	—
42. Insurance: (a) General	22,767.00	
(b) Health (Town Share)	9,538.00	—
(c) Life (Town Share)	1,000.00	—
43. Unclassified Items: Patriotic Exercises	250.00	—
Town Clock	300.00	—
Town Report	1,700.00	—
Reserve Fund	5,000.00	
Miscellaneous	350.00	—
44. Maturing Debt & Interest		—
Principal—1949 Sewer Loan Bonds	2,000.00	—
Principal—1952 School Loans Bonds	19,000.00	—
Principal—1963 School Loans Bonds	50,000.00	—
Principal—1964 School Loan Notes	10,000.00	—
Interest—1949 Sewer Loan	175.00	—
Interest—1952 School Loans	1.596.00	—
Interest—1963 School Loan	21,080.00	
Interest—1964 School Loan	300.00	
Interest—Temporary Notes	4,800.00	—
14. Treasurer authorization to borrow	—	
15. Purchase—Slide in sander (H'way Dept.)	2,327.00	—
16. Purchase—Snow Plow (New)	775.00	—
17. Voted no action	—	—
18. Purchase of new pick-up truck (H'way Dept.)	—	1,800.00
19. Purchase of new police cruiser	—	1,600.00
20. Conservation Fund for Conservation Commission	—	100.00
21. Appropriation to be added to Parsons Field House Fund	—	500.00
22. Purchase of land for cemeteries	—	1.00
23. Voted no action	—	—
24. Town s share for Pathfinder Regional Vo. Tech. H.S. District		3,267.83
25. Water main from Amherst town line thru Pelham to Belchertown		4,000.00
26. Unpaid bills of 1968—Quabbin Printing Co., Inc.	52.20	—
Hadley Grain Company	58.75	—
Chenier's Gravel Bank	29.40	—
Donald F. Bock	115.14—255.49	—
27. Prices of lots and portions of same established rates for Perpetual Care established for lots and—or portions of same	—	—
28. Requirement of private concerns to pay Tree Warden	—	—
(Town Rates Apply) and Moth Superintendent direct	—	—
29. Voted no action	—	—
30. Amendment to Zoning By-Law	—	—
31. Voted no action	—	—
32. Amendment to Zoning By-Law	—	—
33. Amendment to Zoning By-Law	—	—
34. Voted no action	—	—
35. Create a special unpaid committee (Regional Schools)	—	—
36. Addition to stabilization Fund	—	—
37. Assessors use to reduce the 1969 tax rate	—	10,000.00
38. Voted to dissolve meeting	—	17,000.00
Total Raised and Appropriated		—
Total appropriated from available funds	$1,193,482.39	$134,860.13

Grand total appropriated by town meeting
$1,328,342.52

A true copy
Attest: Robert D. Camp, Sr.
Town Clerk

Warrant for Special Town Meeting May 5, 1969

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Hampshire, ss

To any of the Constables of the Town of Belchertown, in said County,
GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn all the inhabitants of the Town of Belchertown, qualified to vote in Town affairs, to meet at the Lawrence Memorial Hall, in said Belchertown, on Monday, the fifth day of May, A.D. 1969, at 7:30 o'clock in the evening, then and there to act on the following articles, viz:

ARTICLE I. To see if the Town will vote to approve indebtedness authorized by the Regional District School Committee of the Pathfinder Regional Vocational—Technical High School District on April 7, 1969, for the purpose of acquiring land for and preparing architectual and engineering plans for the construction of a vocational—technical high school.

Vote to be "Yes" or "No" ballot

ARTICLE II. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from available funds in the treasury to the Clapp Memorial Library Account, the following sum of money which has been received by the Town from the Commonwealth for library purposes, for the year 1969, the sum of $1,296.00, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE III. To see if the Town will vote to raise and and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury a sum of money to the Road Machinery Expense Account, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE IV. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury the following sums of money for bills incurred in 1968:

Ray Oil Company	$14.90
George F. Cramer, Jr.	$90.00

or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE V. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Official Zoning Map by deleting the following described property from the Agricultural District and including the same in the Business District:

That area of land situated on the Northerly side of Jabish Street and belonging to Norman R. and Lena M. Wilson, commencing at a point 352 feet west of the center of line of Jabish Brook (as measured along the Northerly line of said Jabish Street); thence running Northerly 500 feet, more or less along land now or formerly of one Davis to a wall; thence running Easterly in a line parallel to said Jabish Street 200 feet, more or less, to a point at the high water mark of the former Old Mill Pond; thence running Southerly and Easterly along the high water mark of said pond 350 feet; thence running Southerly 150 feet, more or less, to Jabish Street; thence running Westerly along said Jabish Street 516 feet across Jabish Brook to the point of beginning. Or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE VI. To see if the Town will vote to amend the official Zoning Map by deleting the following described property from the Agricultural District and including the same in the Business District:

A parcel of land thought to belong to Donald S. and Jean E. Cole, situated on the Easterly side of Franklin Street, also known as Route 181, being situated approximately ¼ mile northerly of the intersection of Route 181 and Michael Sears Road, commencing at a point on the Easterly side of Franklin Street at a line fence at the Southwesterly corner of land now or formerly of one Trombley; thence Southerly along said Franklin Street 645 feet to a point; thence Easterly along land now or formerly of said Trombley 470 feet to a point; thence running Westerly along said Trombley 577 feet to the place of beginning; containing 7 ½ acres, more or less. Or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE VII. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer form unappropriated available funds in the treasury a sum of money for Highways—Drainage, South Belchertown, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE VIII. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof, one at the intersection of Gulf Road and Amherst Road, one at the intersection of Metacomet Street and Bay Road, one at the intersection of Rockrimmon Street and Chauncy Walker Street, one at the intersection of Depot Street and Keyes Street, one at the intersection of South Street and South Liberty Street, one at Town Hall, and one at Lawrence Memorial Hall, seven days at least before the time of holding said Meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk, at or before the time of holding said meeting.

GIVEN UNDER OUR HANDS this April 26th day of April, A.D. 1969.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Wm. Gerry Whitlock,
Chairman
William H. Squires, Jr.
Eleanor L. Schmidt

To the Town Clerk:

The Town Meeting Warrant is returned herewith. The posting instructions contained in the warrant and in the Town By-Laws have been complied with.

Ernest M. Gay,
Constable
April 26, 1969.

A true copy,
Attest: Robert D. Camp, Sr.
Town Clerk

Action Taken at Special Town Meeting Held May 5, 1969

Moderator—Charles W. Jackson
Meeting called to order at 7:37 p.m.
Voters present—92 Quorum required 25

ARTICLE I. Voted to take no action.

Vote—Unanimous Yes

ARTICLE II. Voted to transfer from available funds in the treasury to the Clapp Memorial Library Account, the sum of $1,296.50 which has been received by the Town from the Commonwealth for library purposes for the year 1969.

Vote—Unanimous Yes

ARTICLE III. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $5,000.00 for the Road Machinery Expense Account.

Vote—Unanimous Yes

ARTICLE IV. Voted to raise and appropriate the following sum of money for unpaid Bills of 1968: Ray Oil Company—$14.90

Vote—Unanimous Yes

ARTICLE V. Voted to amend the Official Zoning Map by deleting the following described property for the Agricultural District and including the same in the Business District:

That area of land situated on the Northerly side of Jabish Street and belonging to Norman R. and Lena M. Wilson, commencing at a point of 352 feet west of the center line of Jabish Brook (as measured along the Northerly line of said Jabish Street); thence running Northerly 500 feet, more or less along land now or formerly of one Davis to a wall; thence running Easterly in a line parallel to said Jabish Street 200 feet, more or less, along other land of Norman R. Wilson et ux across Jabish Brook to a point at the high water mark of the former Old Mill Pond; thence running at Southerly and Easterly along the high water mark of said pond 350 feet; thence running Southerly 150 feet, more or less, to Jabish Street; thence running Westerly along said Jabish Street 516 feet across Jabish Brook to the point of beginning.

Vote—Unanimous Yes

ARTICLE VI. Voted to amend the official Zoning Map by deleting the following described property from the Agricultural District and including the same in the Business District;

A parcel of land thought to belong to Donald S. and Jean E. Cole situated on the easterly side of Franklin Street, also known as Route 181, being situated approximately ¼ mile northerly of the intersection of Route 181 and Michael Sears Road; commencing at a point on the Easterly side of Franklin Street at a line fence at the Southwesterly corner of land now or formerly of one Trombley; thence Southerly along said Franklin Street 645 feet to a point; thence Easterly along land now or formerly of said Trombley 470 feet to a point; thence Northerly along said Trombley 800 feet to a point; thence running Westerly along said Trombley 577 feet to the place of beginning; containing 7 ½ acres, more or less. Vote—Yes 108 No 2.

ARTICLE VII. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $400.00 for Highways—Drainage, South Belchertown.

Vote—Unanimous Yes

ARTICLE VIII. Voted to dissolve the meeting at 8:43 p.m.

Vote—Unanimous Yes.

A true copy
Attest: Robert D. Camp, Sr.
Town Clerk

Warrant for Special Town Meeting July 28, 1969

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Hampshire, ss

To any of the Constables of the Town of Belchertown, in said County,
GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn all the inhabitants of the Town of Belchertown, qualified to vote in Town affairs, to meet at the Lawrence Memorial Hall, in said Belchertown, on Monday, the twnety-eight day of July, A.D. 1969, at 7:30 o'clock in the evening, then and there to act on the following articles, viz:

ARTICLE I. To see if the Town will vote to accept an amendment to the agreement establishing Pathfinder Regional Vocational-Technical High School District dated June 2, 1967, and accepted by the Town on February 26, 1968. Said amendment being dated June 11, 1969, and providing for the withdrawal of the Towns of North Brookfield, Warren, and West Brookfield from said District, a copy of which amendment is on file in the Selectmen's Office, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE II. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury a sum of money for the Interest Account, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE III. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury a sum of money for the purchase of a dry copy machine or equivalent, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE IV. To see if the Town will vote to become a member of the Lower Pioneer Valley Regional Planning District under the provisions of Chapter 40B of the General Laws and to see if the Town will set a maximum of twelve cents ($.12) per capita based on the most recent Federal decennial census as the Towns will set a maximum based on the most recent Federal decennial census as the Towns proportion of the annual costs and expenses of said Planing District, and to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury the sum of two hundred ninety dollars and eighty-eight cents ($290.88) as the Town's proportionate share thereof for the year 1969, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE V. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury a sum of money to purchase a check disbursing machine for the office of the Town Treasurer, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE VI. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof, one at the intersection of Gulf Road and Amherst Road, one at the intersection of Gulf Road and Amherst Road, one at the intersection of Metacomet Street and Bay Road, one at the intersection of Rockrimmon Street and Chauncy Walker Street, one at the intersection of South Street and South Liberty Street, one at the intersection of Depot Street and Keyes Street, one at Town Hall, and one at Lawrence Memorial Hall, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk, at or before the time of holding said meeting.

GIVEN UNDER OUR HANDS this 18 day of July, A.D. 1969.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Wm. Gerry Whitlock, Chairman
William H. Squires, Jr.
Michael S. Mathras
Eleanor L. Schmidt

To the Town Clerk:

The Town Meeting Warrant is returned herewith. The posting instructions contained in the Warrant and in the Town By-Laws have been complied with.

Ernest M. Gay,
Constable
July 19, 1969

A true copy
Attest: Robert D. Camp, Sr.
Town Clerk

Action Taken At Special Town Meeting Held July 28, 1969

Moderator—Charles W. Jackson
Meeting called to order at 7:30 p.m.
Voters present—27 (Quorum required 25)

ARTICLE I. Voted to accept an amendment to the agreement establishing Pathfinder Regional Vocational-Technical High School District dated June 2, 1967, and accepted by the Town on February 26, 1968. Said amendment being dated June 11, 1969, and providing for the withdrawal of the Towns of North Brookfield, Warren, and West Brookfield from said District, a copy of which amendment is on file in the Selectmen's Office.

Vote—Majority Yes

ARTICLE II. Voted to appropriate and transfer from available free cash in the treasury the sum of $2,160.00 for the Interest Account.

Vote—Unanimous Yes

ARTICLE III. Voted to appropriate and transfer from available free cash in the treasury the sum of $755.00 for the purchase of a dry copy machine, said machine to be in the Selectmen's Office and to be available for use by authorized Town Departments.

Vote—Unanimous Yes

ARTICLE IV. Voted to become a member of the Lower-Pioneer Valley Regional Planning District under the provisions of Chapter 40B of the General Laws, and that the Town set a maximum of twelve cents per capita based on the most recent Federal decennial census minus the number of patients at the Belchertown State School as the Town's proportion of the annual costs and expenses of said Planning District, and that the Town appropriate and transfer from available free cash in the treasury the sum of $290.88 as the Town's proportionate share thereof for the year 1969.

Vote—Unanimous Yes

ARTICLE V. Voted to appropriate and transfer from available free cash in the treasury the sum of $750.00 for the purchase of a check disbursing machine for the office of the Town Treasurer, said machine to sign, date, and protect in one operation.

Vote—Unanimous Yes

ARTICLE VI. Meeting dissolved at 7:50 p.m.

A true copy,
Attest: Robert D. Camp, Sr.
Town Clerk

Appropriated from available free cash—$3,955.88

Warrant for Special Town Meeting September 8, 1969

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Hampshire, ss.

To any of the Constables of the Town of Belchertown, in said County,

GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn all the inhabitants of the Town of Belchertown, qualified to vote in Town affairs, to meet at the Lawrence Memorial Hall, in said Belchertown, on Monday, the eight day of September, A.D. 1969, at 7:30 o'clock in the evening. Then and there to act on the following articles, viz:

ARTICLE I. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury a sum of money for improvements of East Street, also referred to as Fish Hatchery Road, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE II. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, a sum of money for land damages involved in a taking on Jabish Street of an easement for water drainage, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE III. To see if the Town will vote to approve the $175,000.00 indebtedness authorized by the Regional District School Committee of the Pathfinder Regional Vocational-Technical High School District on August 11, 1969, for the purpose of acquiring land for and preparing architectural and engineering plans for the construction of a vocational-technical high school.

(Check list vote recommended)

ARTICLE IV. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof, one at the intersection of Gulf Road and Amherst Road, one at intersection of Metacomet Street and Bay Road, one at the intersection of Rockrimmon Street and Chauncy Walker Street, one at the intersection of South Street and South Liberty Street, one at the intersection of Depot Street and Keyes Street, one at Town Hall, and one at Lawrence Memorial Hall, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk, at or before the time of holding said meeting.

GIVEN UNDER OUR HANDS THIS 28 day of August, A.D. 1969.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Wm. Gerry Whitlock
William H. Squires, Jr.
Michael S. Mathras
Eleanor L. Schmidt
Herbert E. Squires

To the Town Clerk:

The Town Meeting Warrant is returned herewith. The posting instructions contained in the Warrant and in the Town By-Laws have been complied with.

Ernest M. Gay ,
Constable
August 30, 1969.

A true copy,
Attest: Robert D. Camp, Sr.
Town Clerk

Action Taken At Special Town Meeting Held September 8, 1969

Moderator—Charles W. Jackson
Meeting called to order at 7:47 p.m.
Voters present 100 plus (Quorum required 25)

ARTICLE I. Voted to appropriate and transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury the sum of $4,000.00 for improvements on East Street, also referred to as Fish Hatchery Road; $4,000.00 being the amount allocated by the State under 1969 Chapter 90 Funds.

Vote—Unanimous Yes

ARTICLE II. Voted to appropriate and transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury the sum of $200.00 for land damages involved in taking of land on Jabish Street for an easement for water drainage; said land now or formerly of Robert E. and Bernice Ritter and Robert M. and Margaret A. Ritter.

Vote—Majority Yes

ARTICLE III. Disapproved.

Vote—Yes 118 No—223

ARTICLE IV. Voted to dissolve this meeting at 9:30 p.m.

Vote—Unanimous Yes.

A true copy,
Attest: Robert D. Camp, Sr.
Town Clerk

Appropriated from available funds—$4,200.00.

Warrant for Special Town Meeting November 10, 1969

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Hampshire, ss.

GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn all the inhabitants of the Town of Belchertown, qualified to vote in Town affairs, to meet at the Lawrence Memorial Hall, in said Belchertown, on Monday evening, the tenth day of November, A.D. 1969, at 7:30 o'clock in the evening, then and there to act on the following articles, viz:

ARTICLE I. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury a sum of money to the Veteran's Benefits Account, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE II. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury a sum of money to the Road Machinery Expense Account, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE III. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury a sum of money for the purchase of a mobile radio unit to be installed in the Highway Department pick up truck, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE IV. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury a sum of money for the extension of the water main located on Route 9, also referred to as Federal Street, near the Amherst—Pelham Town Line for a distance of 400 feet more or less, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE V. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer the following sum of money for a bill incurred in 1968: Misco-Care Company—$18.00 or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE VI. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of $1,000.00 to the Law Account, and to meet this appropriation that the sum of $1,000.00 be transferred from the Assessors Expense Account to the Law Account, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE VII. To see if the Town will vote to discontinue a portion of Barrett Street; to take by eminent domain, purchase, or otherwise acquire, a certain tract of land on Barrett Street, thought to belong to George Zitka, for the purpose of relocating a portion of said Barrett Street, all as shown on a plan entitled "Plan Showing Proposed Alteration on Barrett Street, Belchertown, Mass. as prepared for the Selectmen of the Town of Belchertown", dates September 19, 1969, Almer Huntley, Jr., & Associates, Registered Land Surveyors and Civil Engineers, on file in the office of the Town Clerk; and to appropriate and transfer a sum of money for this purpose, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE VIII. To see if the Town will vote to amend the official zoning map be deleting the following described parcel of land from the Agricultural District and including the same in the Industrial District:

Beginning at a point one hundred fifty (150) feet Southwesterly of the intersection of George Hannum Road and Federal Street Route 9 on the Southeasterly line of said George Hannum Road; thence running fifteen hundred (1500) feet along the Southeasterly line of said George Hannum Road; thence running Southeasterly in a line perpendicular to the Southeast line of said George Hannum three hundred fifty (350) feet; thence running running Northeasterly in a line parallel to and at all points a perpendicular distance of three hundred fifty (350) feet from said George Hannum Road a distance of fifteen hundred (1500) feet more or less, to a point, said point being five hundred (500) feet Southeasterly of the point of beginning herein and measured along a line drawn perpendicular to the Southeasterly line of said George Hannum Road; thence running Northwesterly five hundred (500) feet to a point of beginning, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE IX. To see if the Town will vote to create a special unpaid committee to be known as a Regional School District Planning Committee, to consist of three members, one of whom is a school committee member, to be appointed by the Moderator in accordance with the provisions of Section 14, Chapter 71 of the General Laws as amended, or take any action thereto.

ARTICLE X. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof, one at the intersection of Gulf Road and Amherst Road, one at the intersection of Metacomet Street and Bay Road, one at the intersection of Rockrimmon Street and Chauncy Walker Street, one at the intersection of South Street and South Liberty Street, one at the intersection of Depot Street and Keyes Street, one at Town Hall and one at Lawrence Memorial Hall, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk, at or before the time of holding said meeting.

GIVEN UNDER OUR HANDS this 1 day of November, A.D. 1969.

Board of Selectmen
Wm. Gerry Whitlock, Chairman
William H. Squires, Jr.
Michael S. Mathras
Eleanor L. Schmidt
Herbert E. Squires

To the Town Clerk:

The Town Meeting Warrant is returned herewith. The posting instructions contained in the Warrant and in the Town By-Laws have been complied with.

Ernest M. Gay,
Constable
November 2, 1969.

A true copy,
Attest: Robert D. Camp, Sr.
Town Clerk

Action Taken
At Special Town Meeting
Held November 10, 1969

Moderator—Charles W. Jackson
Voters present—61 (Quorum required 25)
Meeting opened at 7:30 p.m.

Art. 1—Voted to appropriate and transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, the sum of $2,500.00 to the Veteran's Benefits Account.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Art. 2.—Voted to transfer from the Road Machinery Earnings Account the sum of $2,000.00 to the Road Machinery Expense Account.

(Vote—Majority Yes)

Art. 3.—Rejected by majority negative vote.

Art. 4.—Voted to appropriate and transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury the sum of $3,000.00 for the extension of the water main on Route 9, also referred to as Federal Street, near the Amherst—Pelham line for a distance of 400 feet more or less.

(Vote—Majority Yes)

Art. 5.—Voted to appropriate and transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury the following sum of money for an unpaid bill of 1968: Misco-Care Company—$18.00.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Art. 6.—Voted to take no action. (The moderator requested permission to speak this article. The Town Clerk acted as moderator during the discussion and vote.)

(Vote—Unanimous)

Art. 7.—Voted to discontinue as a public way the following portion of Barrett Street, to wit: A parcel of land located on the southwesterly side of Barrett Street in Belchertown, Mass., more particularly bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the southerly sideline of Barrett Street at land of George C. Zitka; thence westerly twenty-nine (29) feet, more or less, northwesterly fifty-eight (58) feet, more or less, and northerly ninety-one (91) feet, more or less, along Zitka land to a point; thence S. 33 degrees 48 Min. 05 Sec. E. one hundred sixty-three and forty one hundredths (163.41) feet along Barrett Street to the point of beginning, containing 2,868 square feet, more or less, and further that the town take by Eminent Domain or otherwise acquire, for highway purposes the following described parcel of land located on the easterly side of Barrett Street, more particularly bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the northeasterly side of Barrett Street at land of George C. Zitks; thence westerly fifty-six (56) feet, more or less, northwesterly thirty-nine (39) feet, more or less, and northerly one hundred fourteen (114) feet, more or less, along the easterly side of Barrett Street to a point; thence S. 33 degrees 48 Min. 05 Sec., E. one hundred eighty-six and ninety-six hundredths (186.96) feet along land of Zitka to the point of beginning, containing 5,330 square feet, more or less.

Both parcels being shown on a plan entitled "Plan Showing Proposed Alteration on Barrett Street, Belchertown, Mass. as prepared for the Selectmen of the Town of Belchertown", dated Sept. 19, 1969; Scale 1" equals 20': and prepared by Almer Huntley, Jr., & Associates, Registered Land Surveyors & Civil Engineers, 238 Bridge Street, Northampton, Mass.

and further that the town appropriate and transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury the sum of One ($1.00) Dollar for the purpose of acquiring said land.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes).

Art. 8.—Beginning at a point three hundred (300) feet southwesterly of the intersection of George Hannum Road and Federal Street on the southeasterly line of said George Hannum Road; thence running thirteen hundred (1350) and fifty feet along the southeasterly line of said George Hannum Road; thence running southeasterly in a line perpendicular to the southeast line of said George Hannum Road three hundred and fifty (350) feet; thence running northeasterly following the town sewer easement seven hundred (700) feet more or less to a point five hundred (500) feet from George Hannum Road to a point One hundred fifty (150) feet from Federal Street; thence running northwesterly to land belonging to Quabbin Printing

Co., Inc.; thence running southeasterly one hundred fifty (150) feet parellel to the southeasterly line of said George Hannum Road; thence running northwesterly two hundred (200) feet to a point of beginning.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes).

Art. 9.—Voted to create a special unpaid committee to be known as a Regional School District Planning Committee, to consist of three members, one of whom is a school committee member, to be appointed by the Moderator in accordance with the provisions of Section 14, Chapter 71 of the General Laws as amended.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes).

Art. 10.—Voted to dissolve this meeting at 9:45 p.m.

A true copy,
Attest: Robert D. Camp, Sr.
Town Clerk

(Appropriated from available funds—$7,519.00).

Warrant for Special Town Meeting December 22, 1969

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Hampshire, ss.

To any of the Constables of the Town of Belchertown, in said County,
GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn all the inhabitants of the Town of Belchertown, qualified to vote in Town affairs, to meet at the Lawrence Memorial Hall, in said Belchertown, on Monday evening, the **twenty-second** day of December, A.D., 1969, at 7:30 o'clock in the evening, then and there to act on the following articles, viz:

ARTICLE I. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury a sum of money to the Veterans Benefits Account, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE II. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury a sum of money to the Police Department Account, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE III. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer from unappropriate available funds in the treasury a sum of money to the Sewer Maintenance Account, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE IV. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of $518.78 to the Highways—Snow Removal Account, and to meet this appropriation that the sum of $518.78 be transferred from the Highways—Pine Street Account to the Highways—Snow Removal Account, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE V. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof, one at the intersection of Gulf Road and Amherst Road, one at the intersection of Metacomet Street and Bay Road, one at the intersection of Rockrimmon Street, and Chauncy Walker Street, one at the intersection of South Street and South Liberty Street, one at the intersection of Depot Street and Keyes Street, one at Town Hall, and one at Lawrence Memorial Hall, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk, at or before the time of holding said meeting.

GIVEN UNDER OUR HANDS this 12th day of December A.D. 1969.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEN
Wm. Gerry Whitlock
William H. Squires, Jr.
Herbert E. Squires

To the Town Clerk:

The Town Meeting is returned herewith. The posting instructions contained in the warrant and in the Town By-Laws have been complied with.

Ernest M. Gay, Constable
December 13, 1969

A true copy
Attest: Robert D. Camp, Sr.
Town Clerk

Special Town Action Taken At Meeting Held December 22, 1969

Moderator—Charles W. Jackson
Meeting called to order at 7:30 p.m.
Voters present—28 (Quorum required 25)

ARTICLE I. Voted to appropriate and transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury the sum of $2,500.00 to the Veterans' Benefits Account.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE II. Voted to appropriate and transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury the sum of **$2,000.00** of which the sum of $107.20 shall be used to pay the mandatory increase in salary for the Chief of Police, to the Police Department Account.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE III. Voted to appropriate and transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury the sum of $1,205.77 to the Sewer Maintenance Account.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

ARTICE IV. Voted to appropriate the sum of $518.78 to the Highways—Snow Removal Account, and to meet this appropriation that the sum of $518.78 be transferred from the Highways—Pine Street Account to the Highways—Snow Removal Account.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE V. Voted to dissolve this meeting at 7:36 p.m.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

A true copy
Attest: Robert D. Camp, Sr.
Town Clerk

General Information

Annual Town Meeting

Elections	1st Monday in March
Appropriations	2nd Monday in March

Tax Rate	**$46.00**
General	$14.75
School	31.25
	$46.00

School Population	
Elementary	578
Junior High	212
Senior High	318
	1108

Assessed Valuation

	1968	1969	Increase
Real Estate	$16,272,040.00	$16,953,790.00	$681,750.00
Personal Property	1,152,750.00	1,160,840.00	8,090.00
	$17,424,790.00	$18,114,630.00	$689,840.00

U.S. Senators

Edward M. Kennedy
Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C.

Edward W. Brooke
Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C.

State Senator

Philip A. Quinn
Spencer, Massachusetts

U.S. Representative

Edward P. Boland
House Office Building
Washington, D.C.

State Representatives

James R. Nolan
Ware, Massachusetts

John W. Olver
Amherst. Massachusetts

County Commissioners

Office—Court Building, Northampton, Mass.

John H. Brequet, Chairman
Williamsburg, Massachusetts

Edward M. O'Brien
Easthampton, Massachusetts

Hiram Brownell
Northampton, Massachusetts

County Officers

County Treasurer
Howard A. Banner

Register of Deeds
Robert F. Czelusniak

Register of Probate and Insolvency
Frank E. Tuit, II

Judge of Probate and Insolvency
Hon. Harry Jekanowski

Sheriff
John F. Boyle

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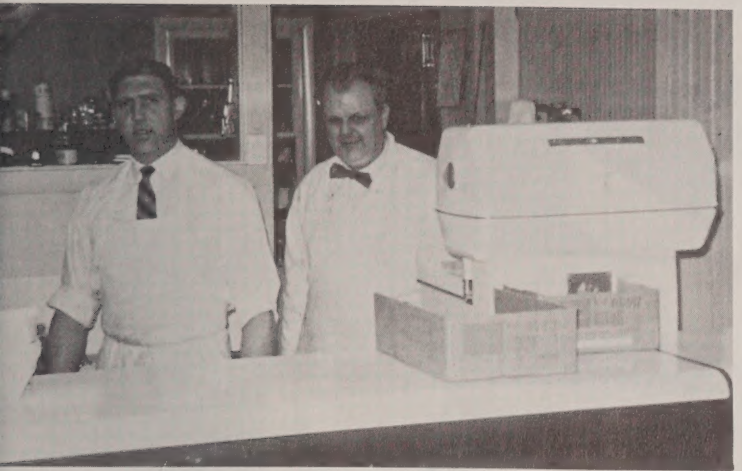

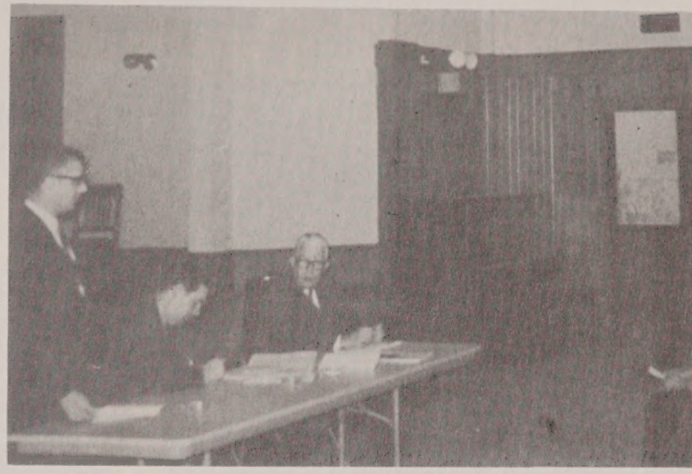

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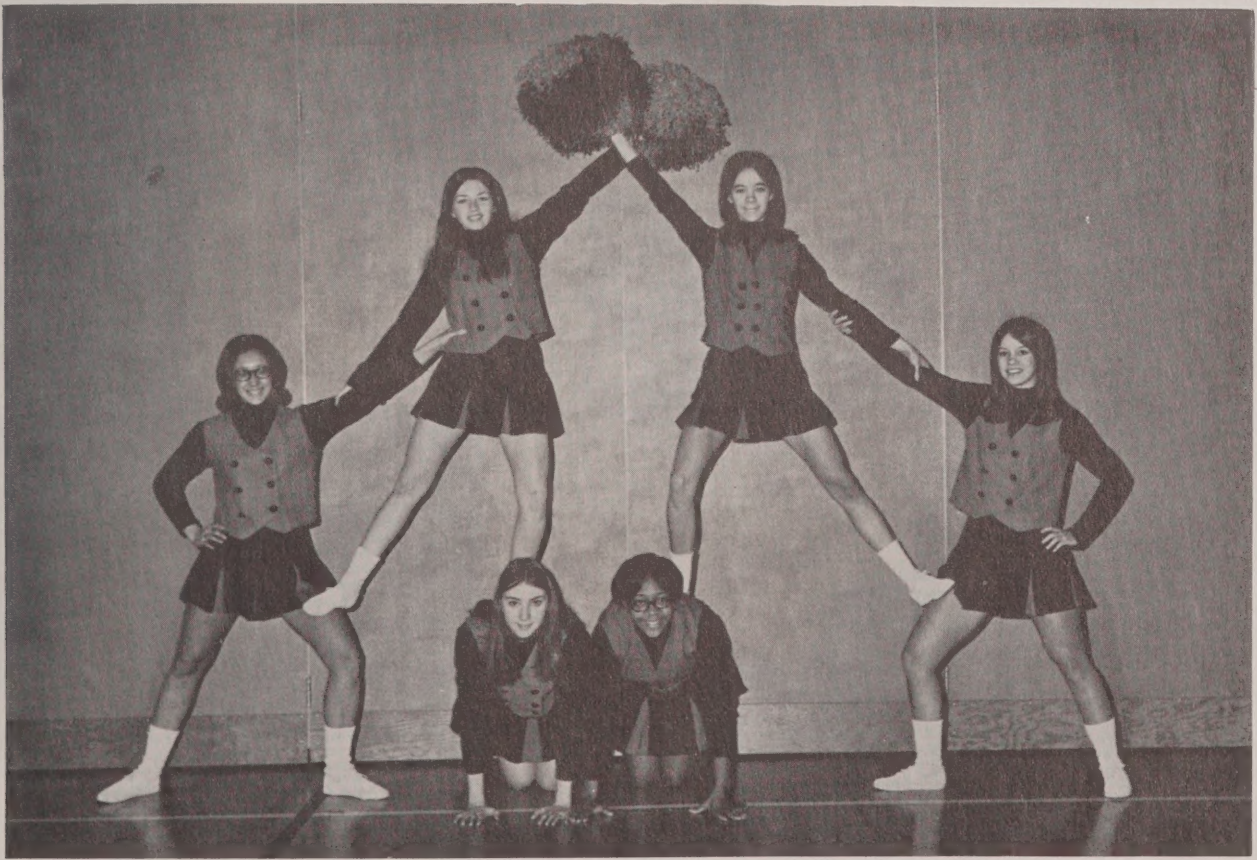

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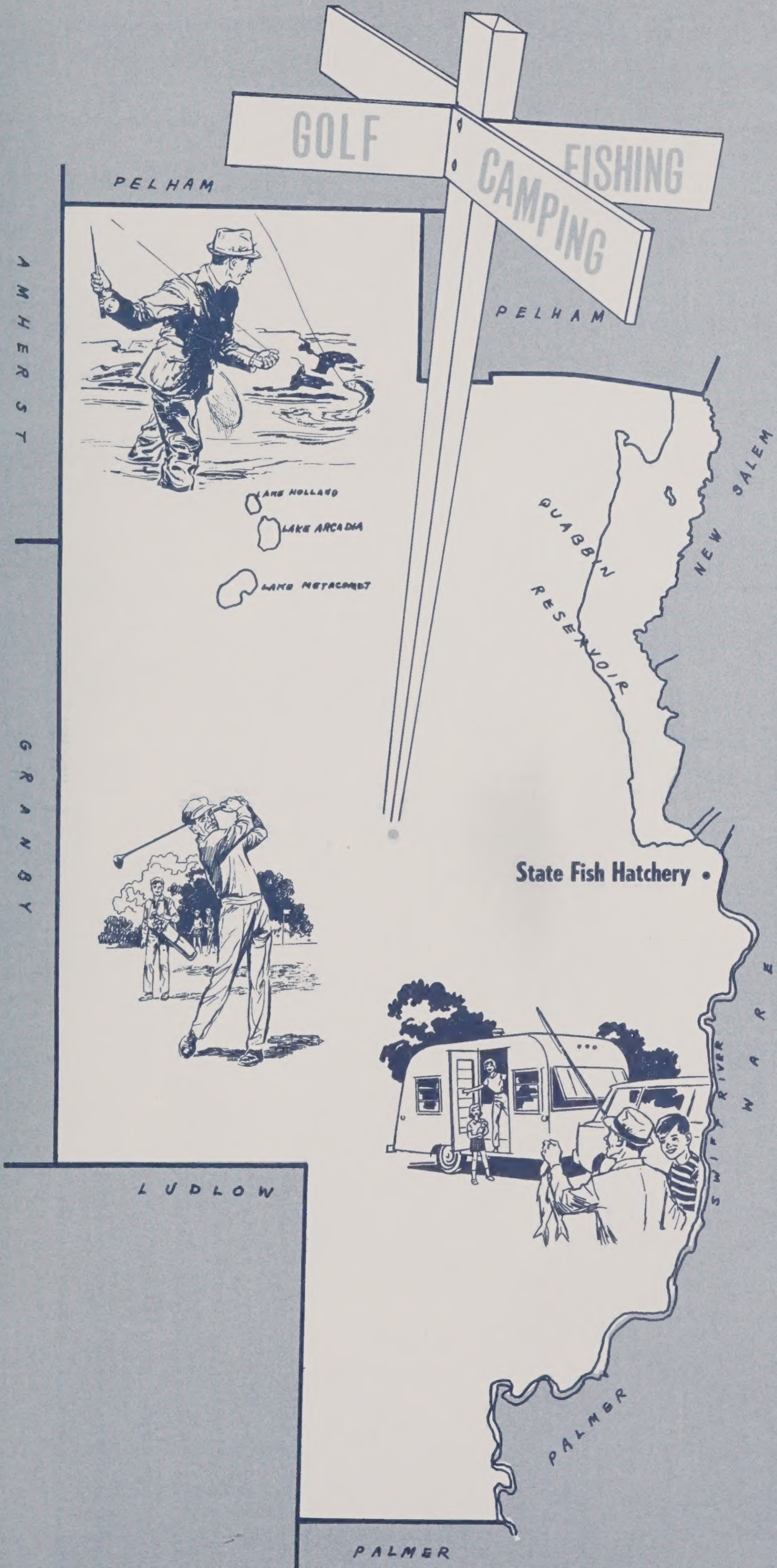
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